



木ノ葉崩し、終結!!

NARUTO

-ナルト-

岸 本 斉 史



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Recently, in movies... What?!
Film commentary again?! ...But it's pretty much the only thing I can write about... Sorry. So, back to the story... These days, there are usually three performers per character or role. The first is the billed actor (the star). The second is the stunt man. And then there is the CGI stunt man for particularly dangerous scenes or difficult camera shots. They're very well constructed. At this rate, we may even eventually stop needing real actors...

—Masashi Kishimoto, 2003

Author/artist Masashi Kishimoto was born in 1974 in rural Okayama Prefecture, Japan. After spending time in art college, he won the Hop Step Award for new manga artists with his manga **Karakuri** (Mechanism). Kishimoto decided to base his next story on traditional Japanese culture. His first version of **Naruto**, drawn in 1997, was a one-shot story about fox spirits; his final version, which debuted in **Weekly Shonen Jump** in 1999, quickly became the most popular ninja manga in Japan.



JUMP COMICS



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巻
十六

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おも
主

な

とう
登

じょう
場

じん
人

ぶつ
物

うちは
サスケ

うずまき
ナルト

はるの
春野サクラ

ガイ

ひゅうが
日向ネジ

ロック・リー

テンテン

いぬづか
犬塚キバ&
あかまる
赤丸

ひゅうが
日向ヒナタ

うちはイタチ

なら
奈良シカマル

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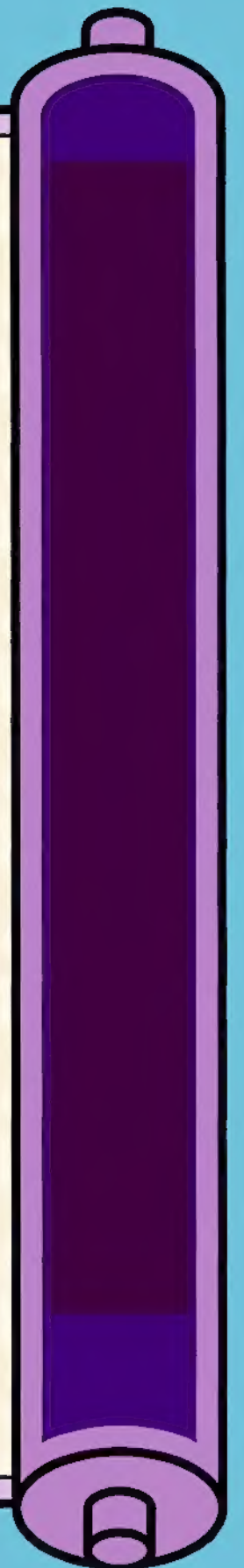
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秋道チョウジ



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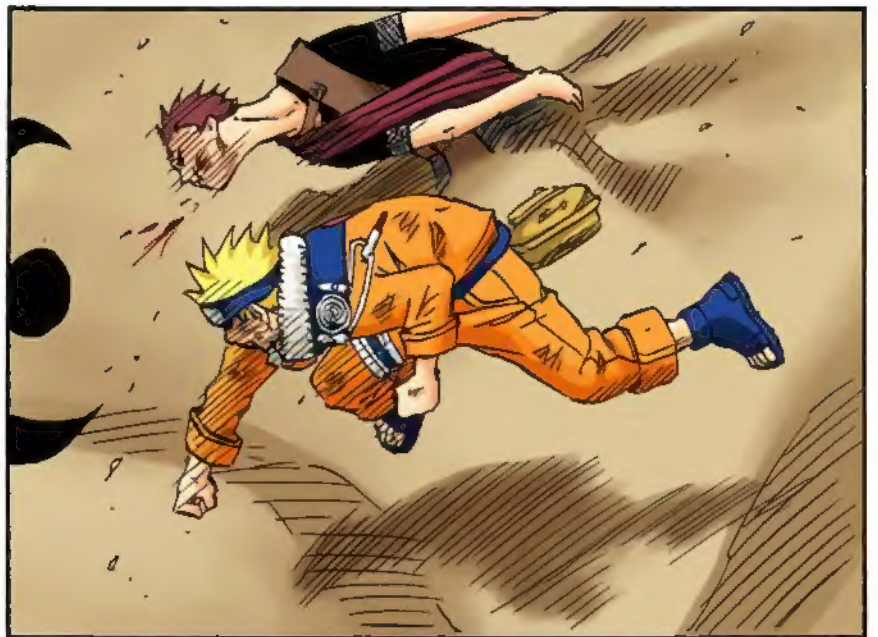
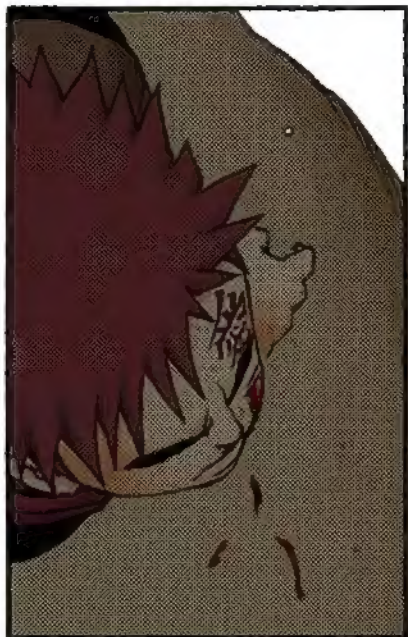
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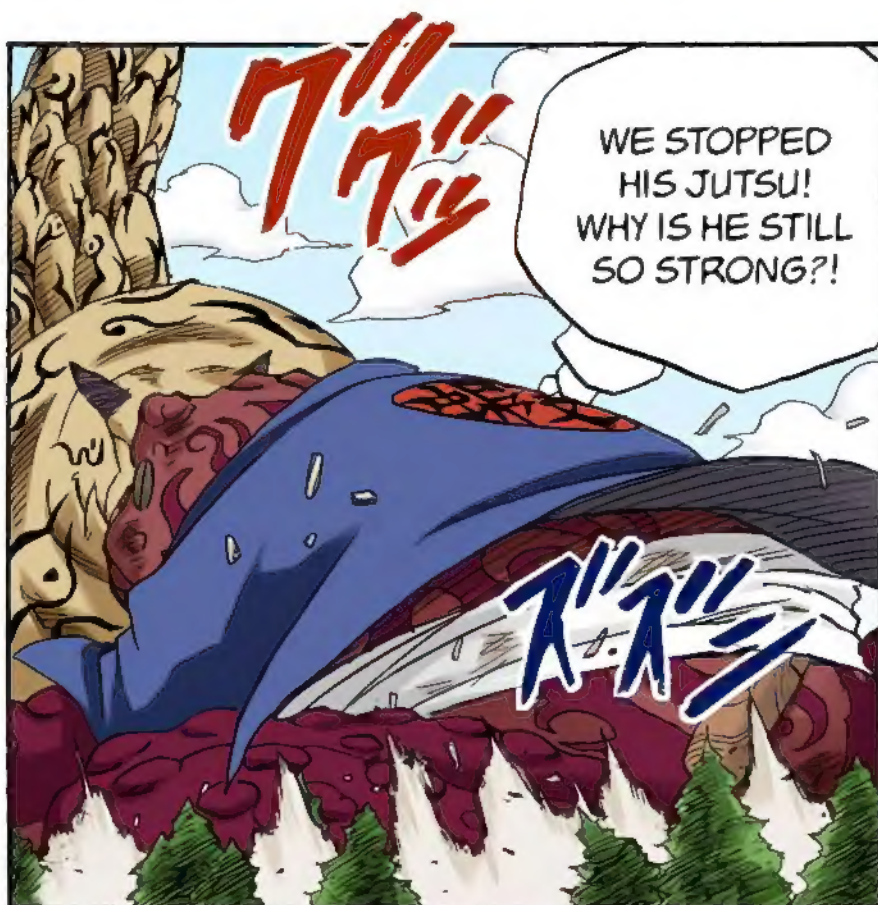
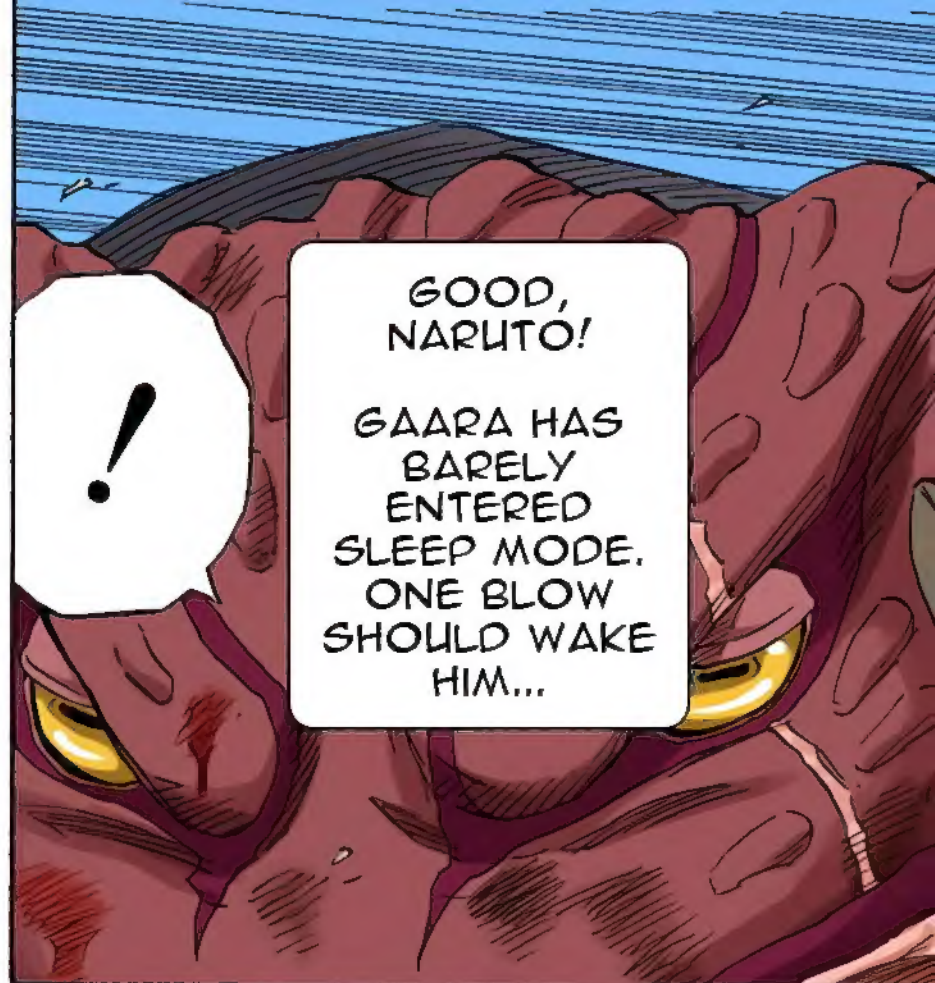
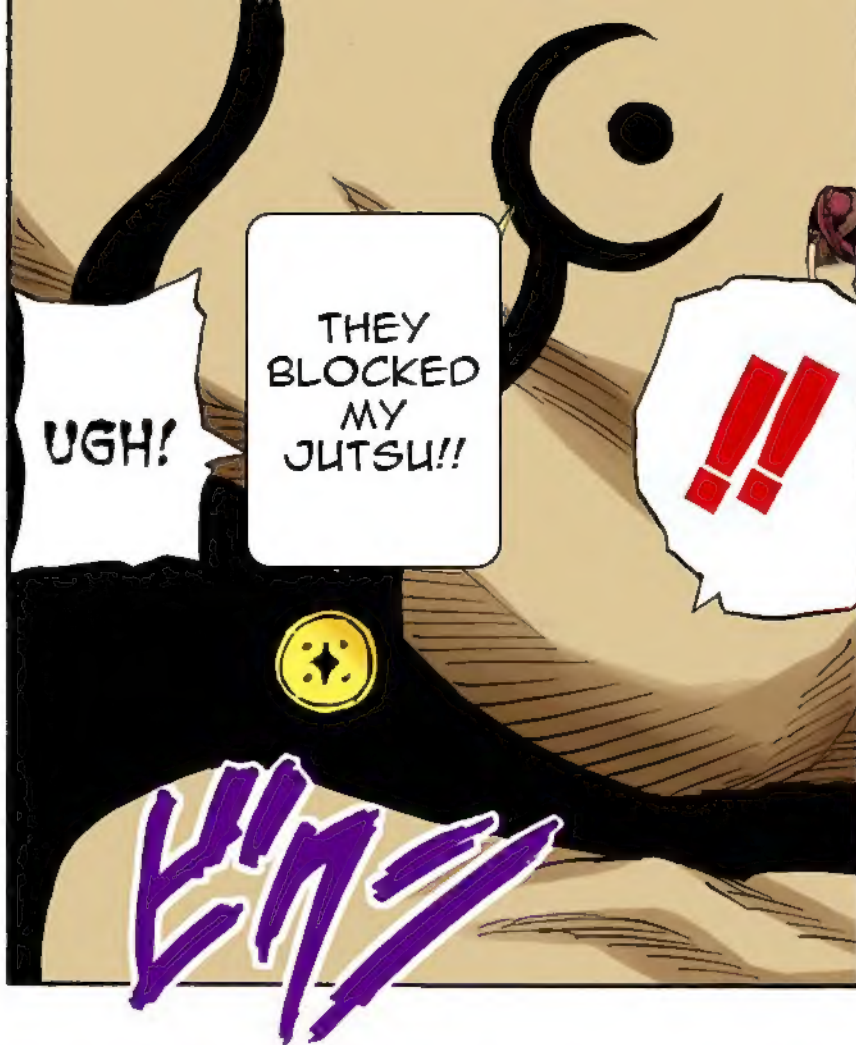
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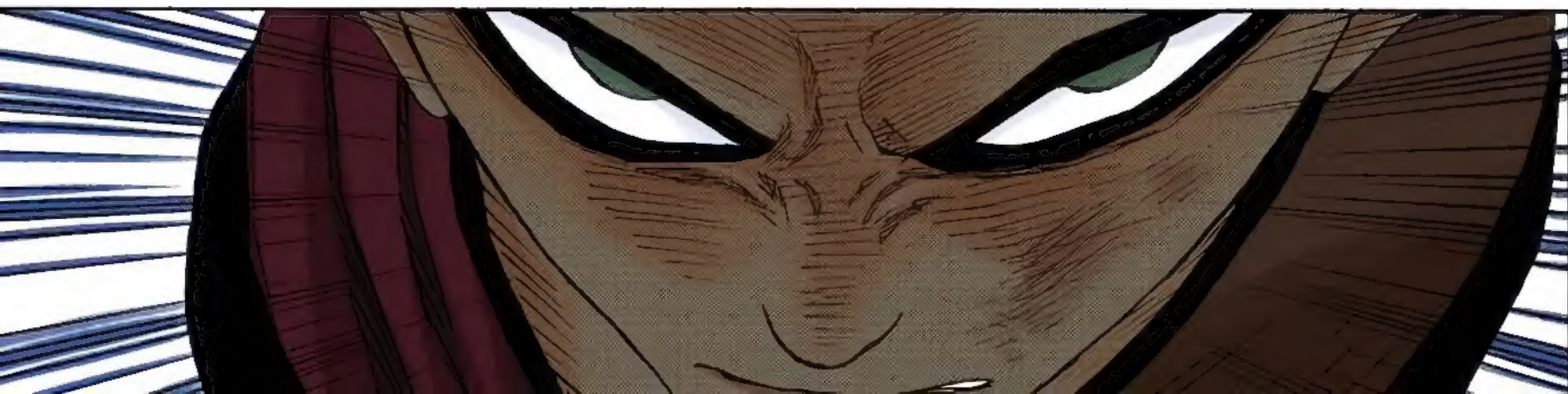
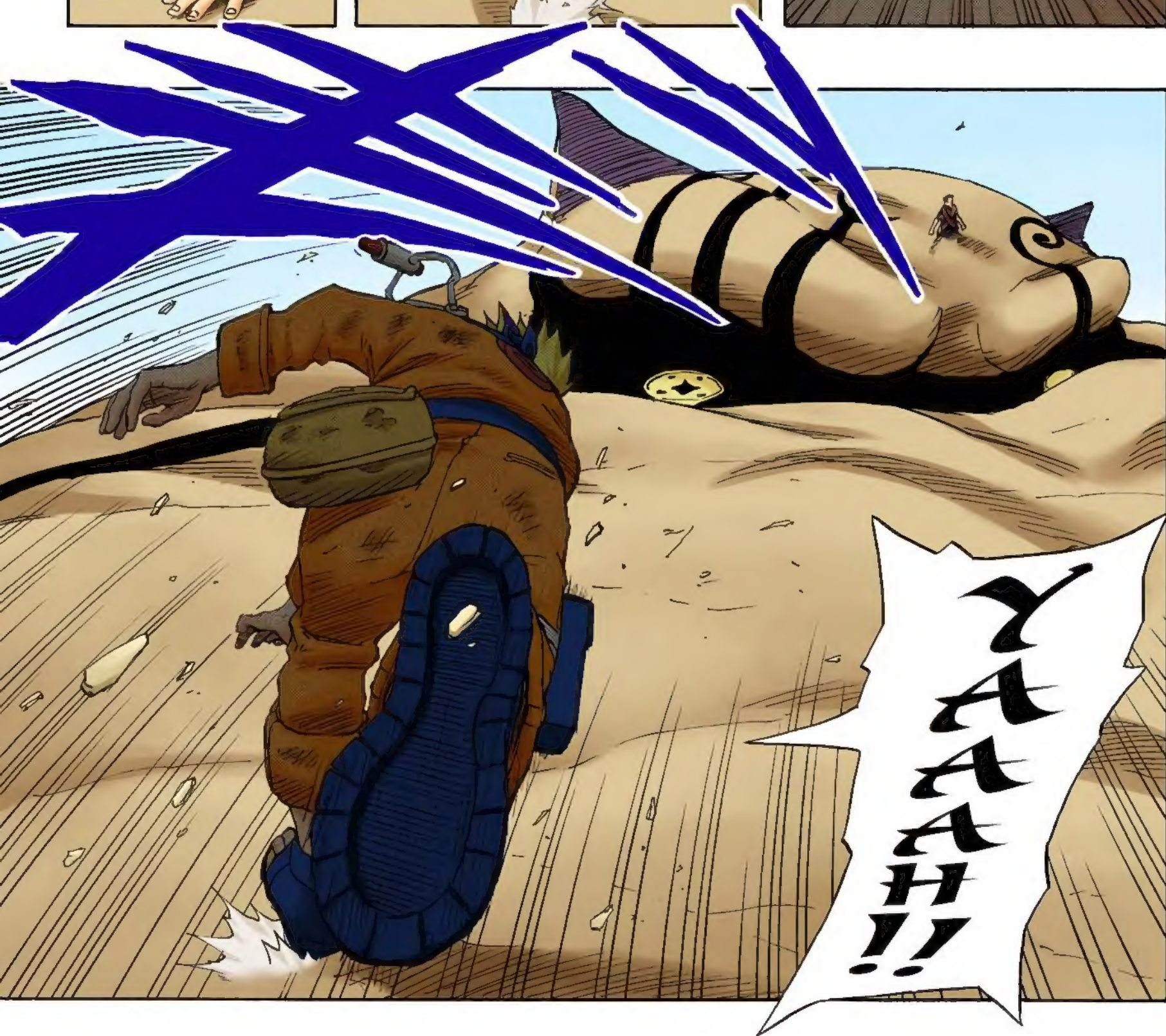
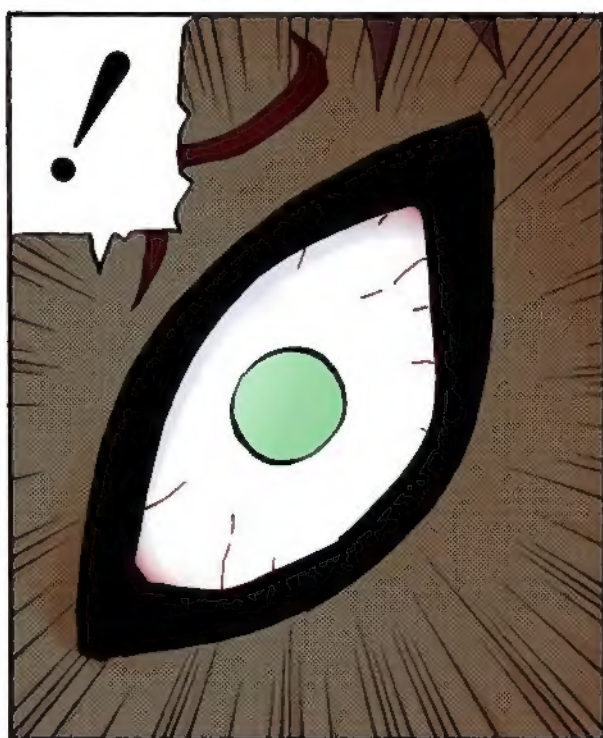
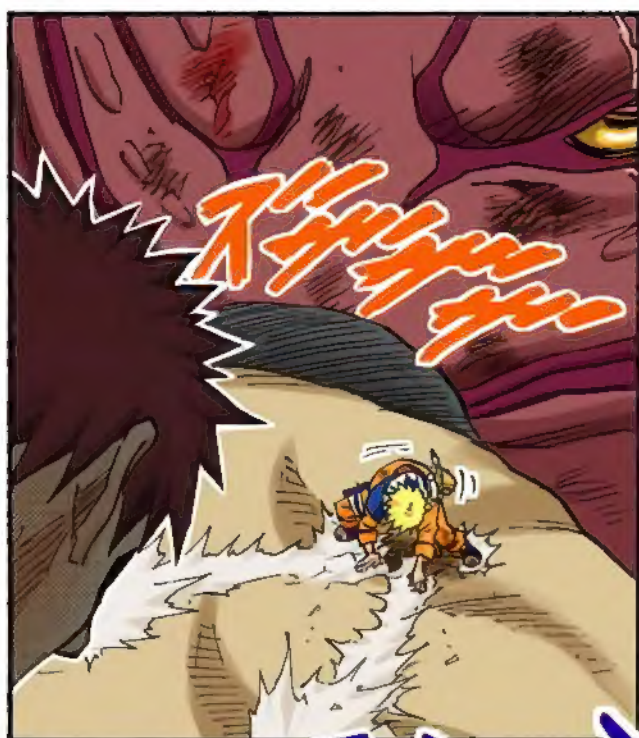


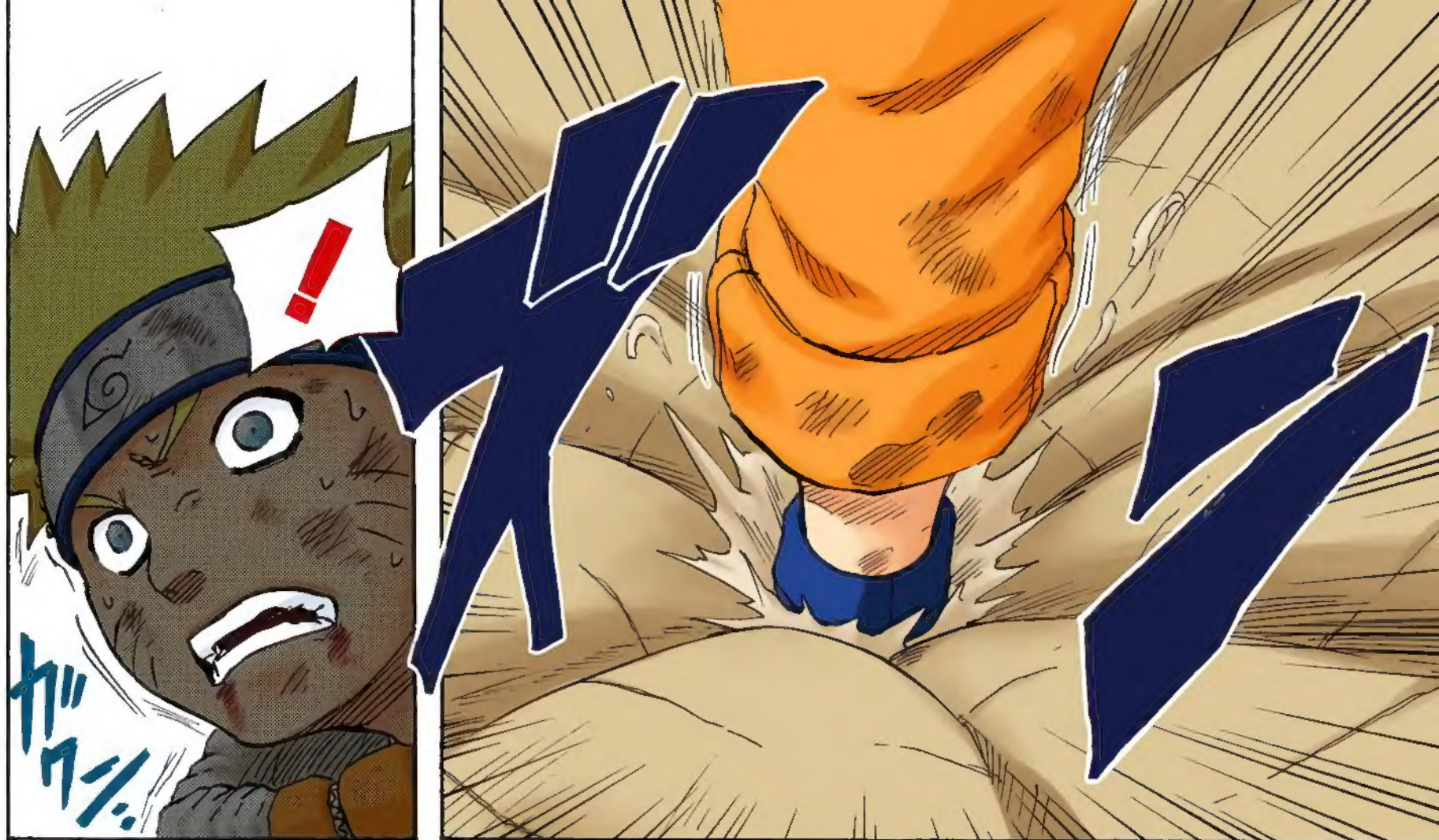
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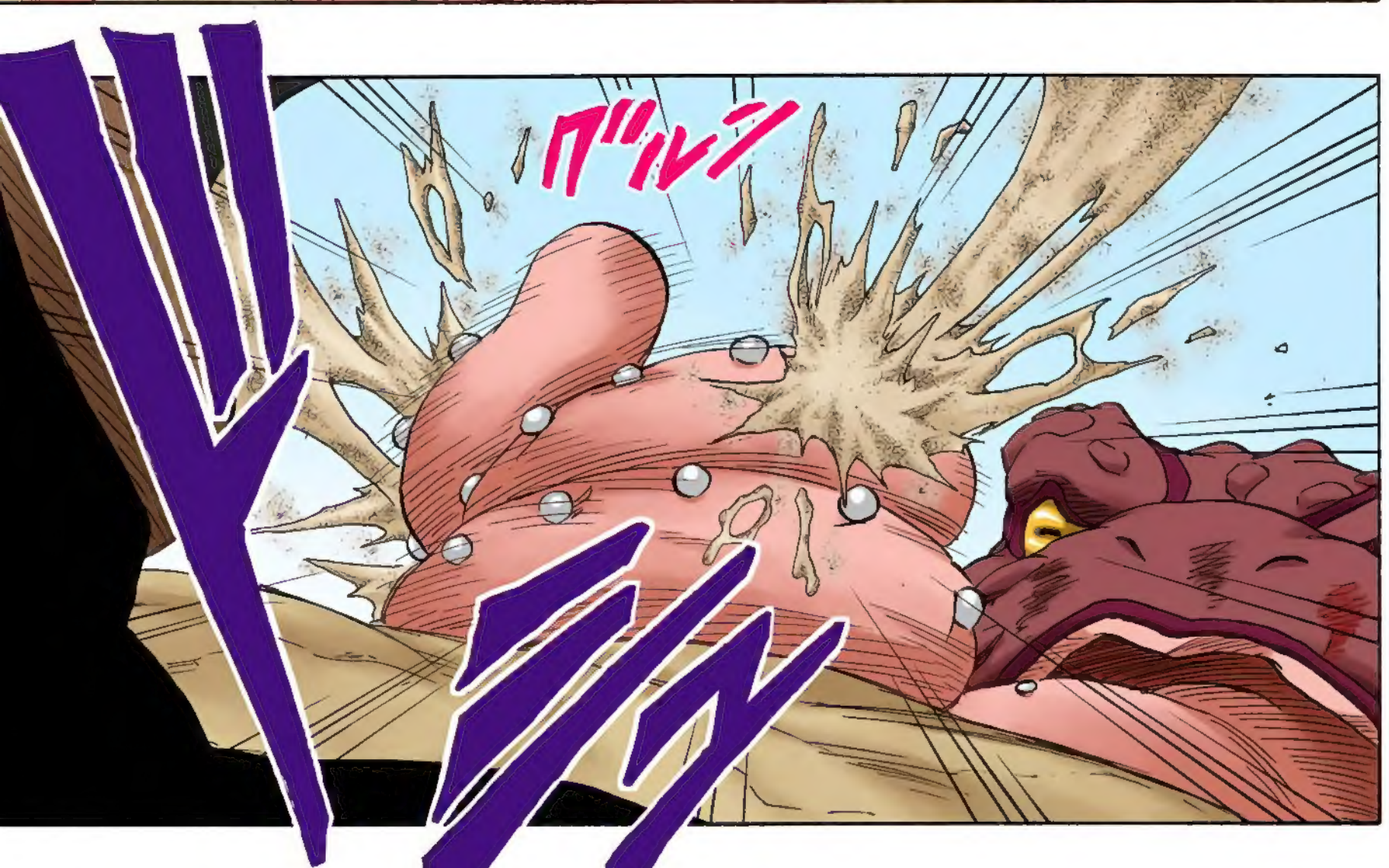
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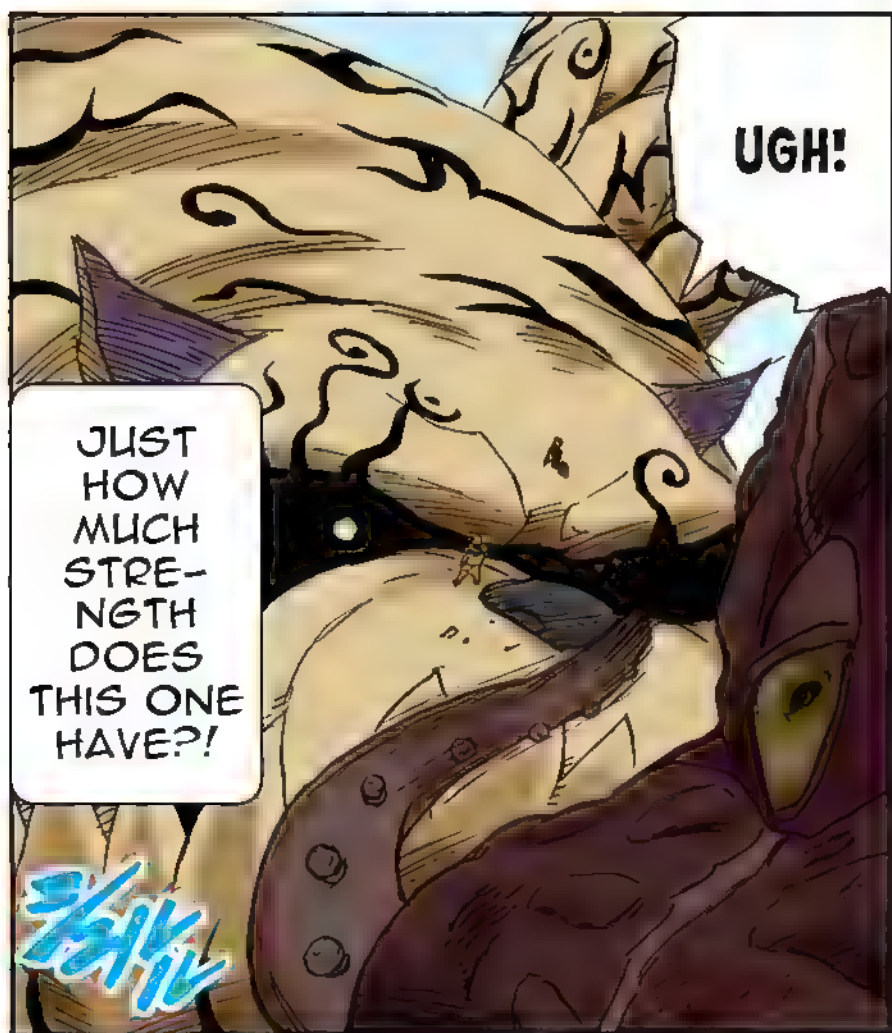
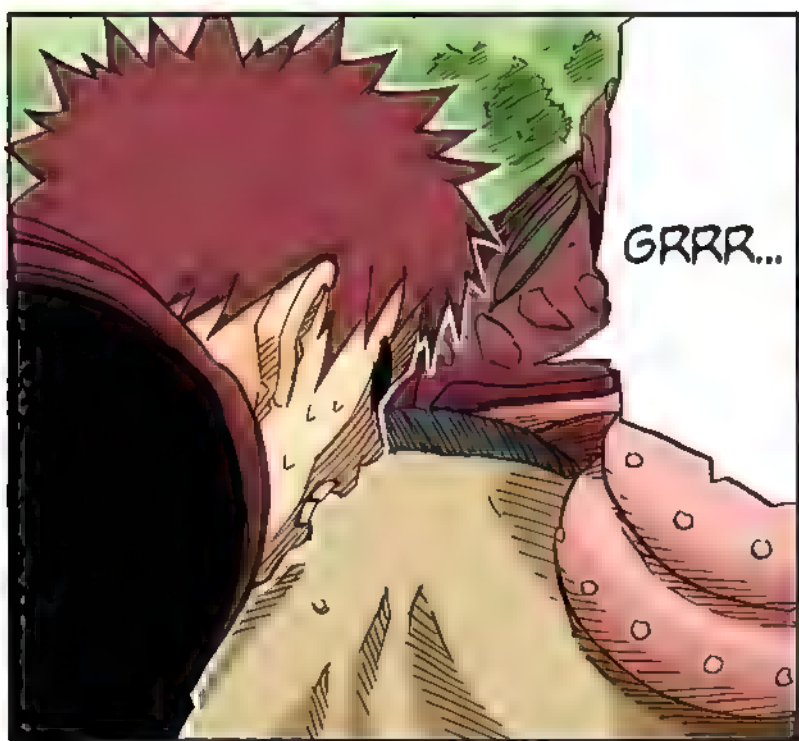
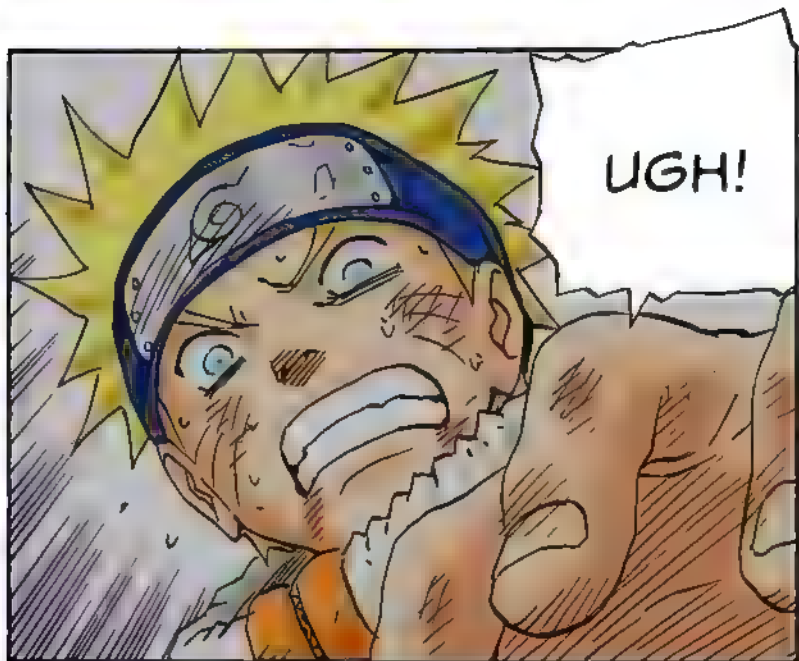


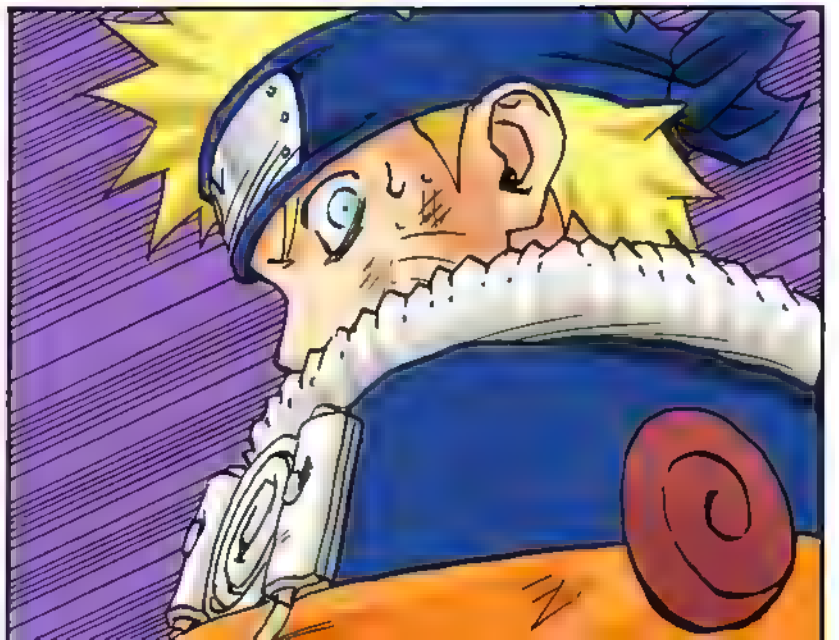
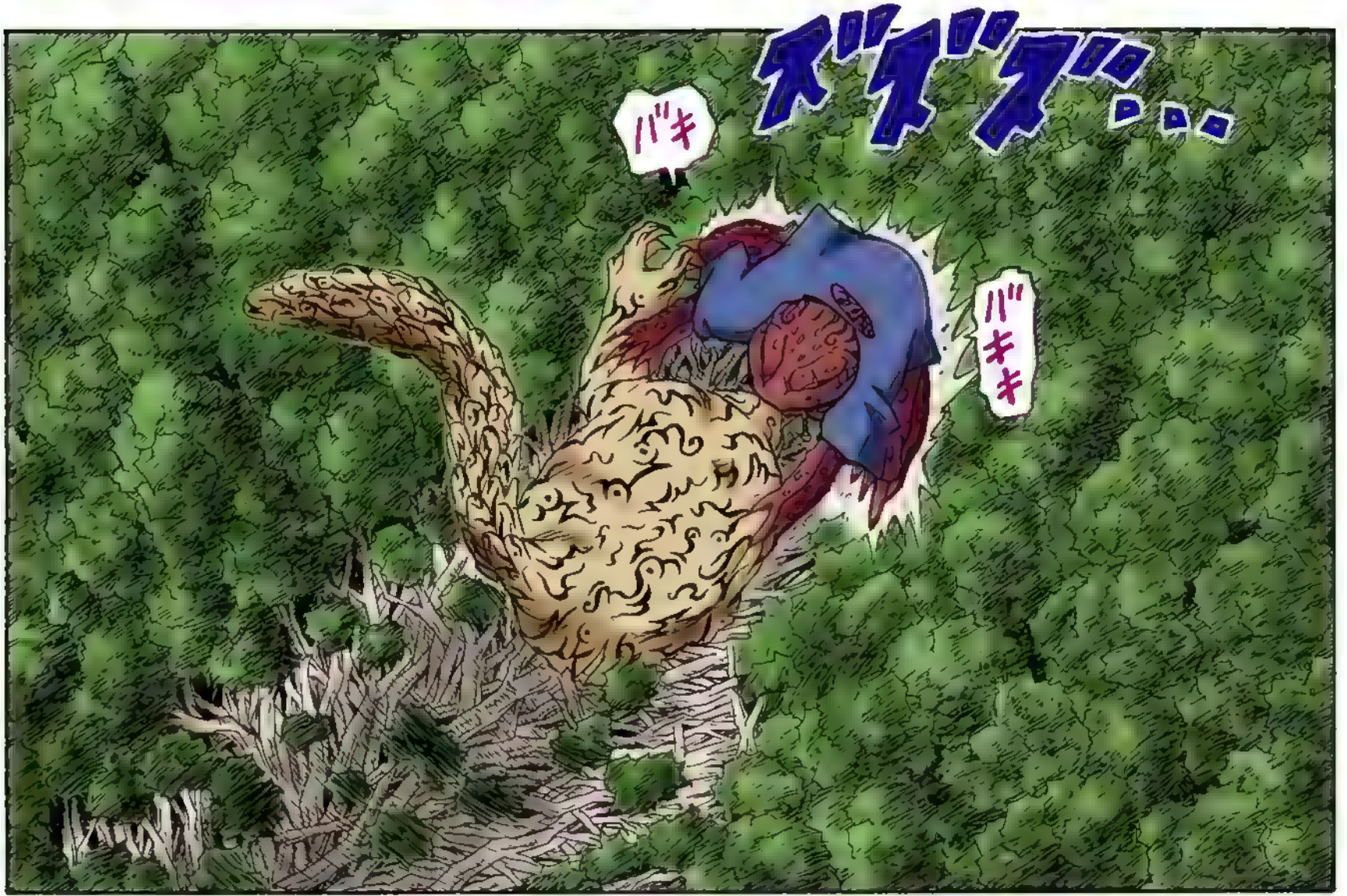


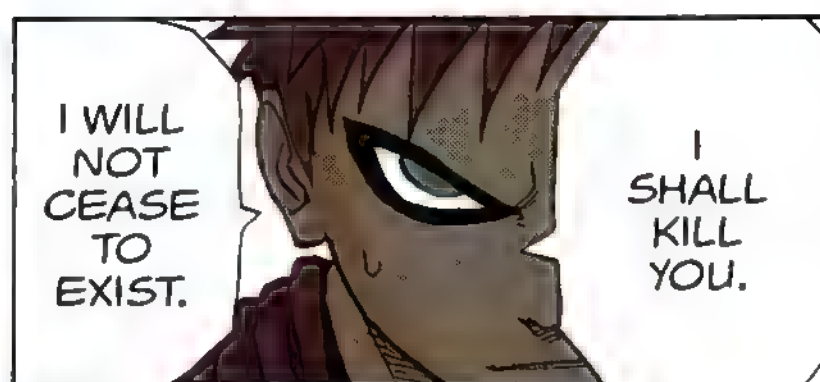
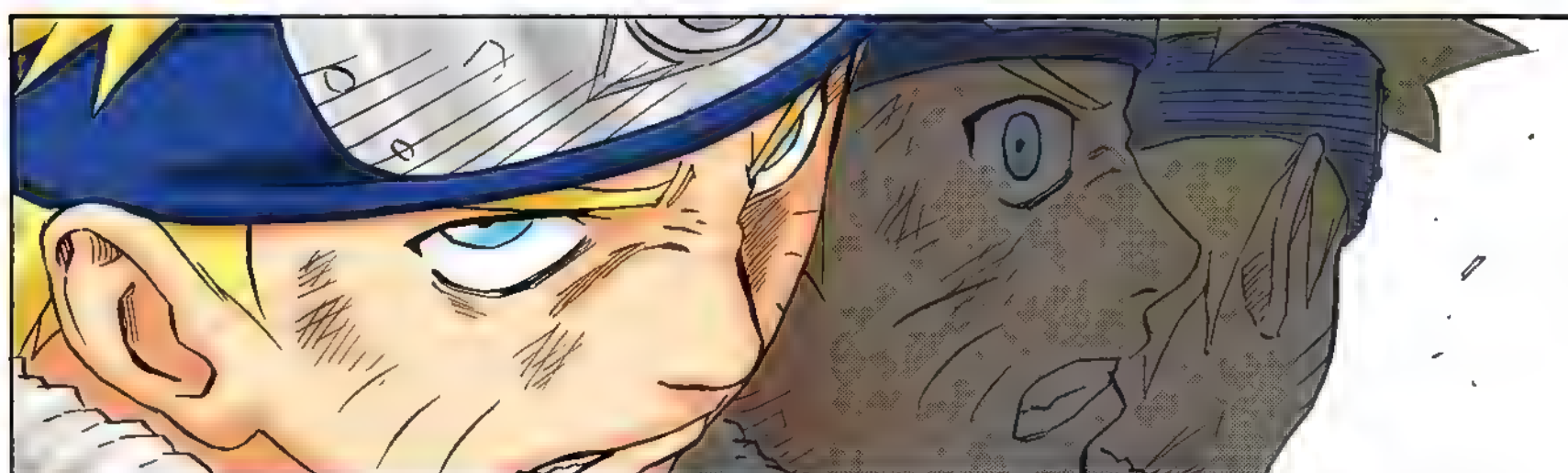
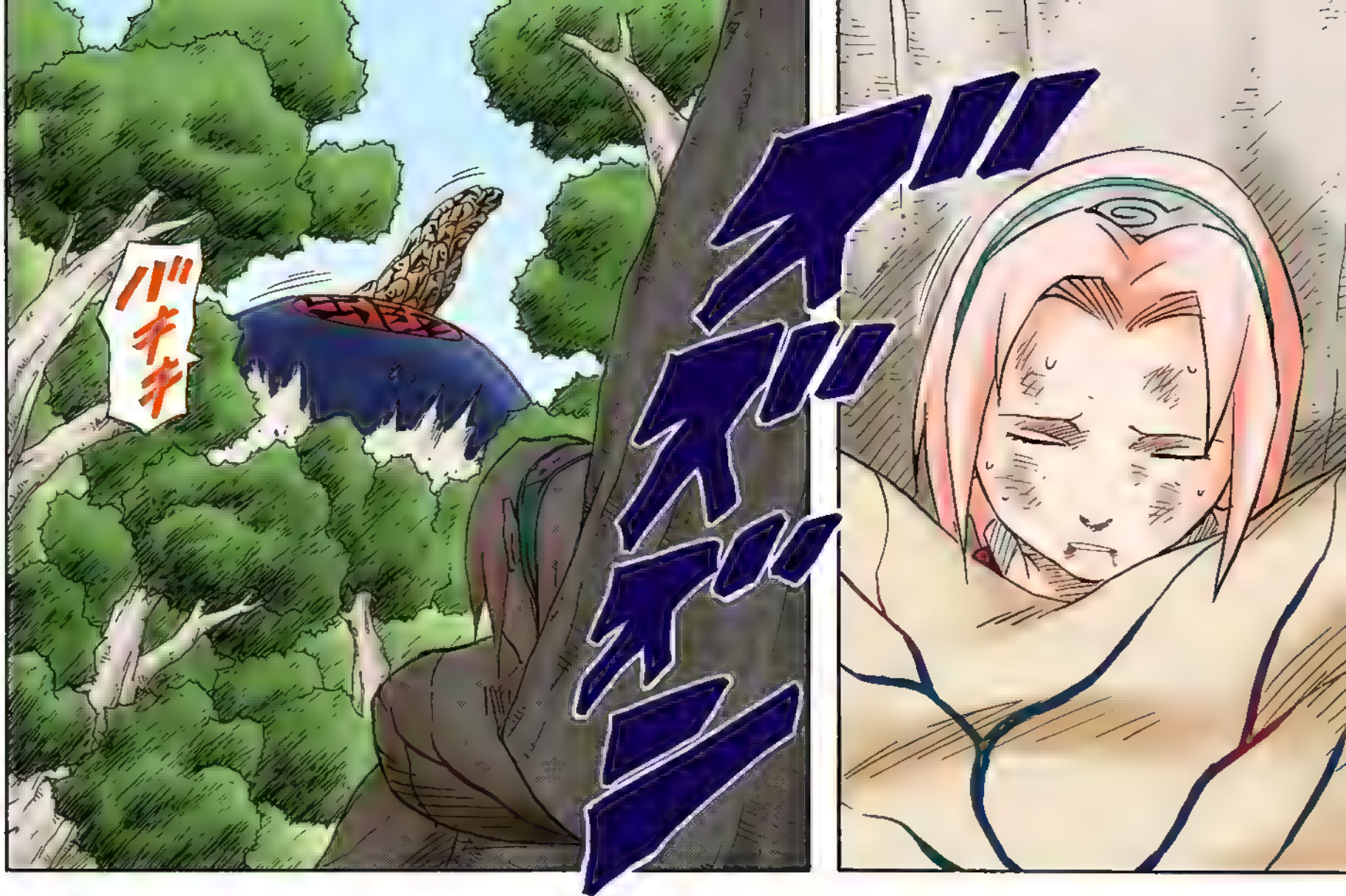
DON'T
YOU
MOCK
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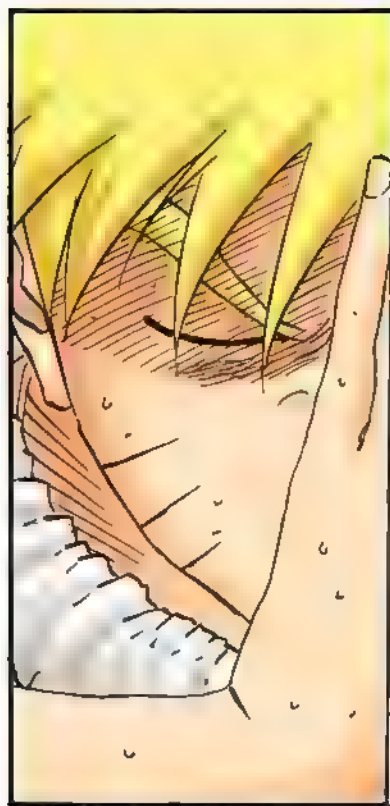
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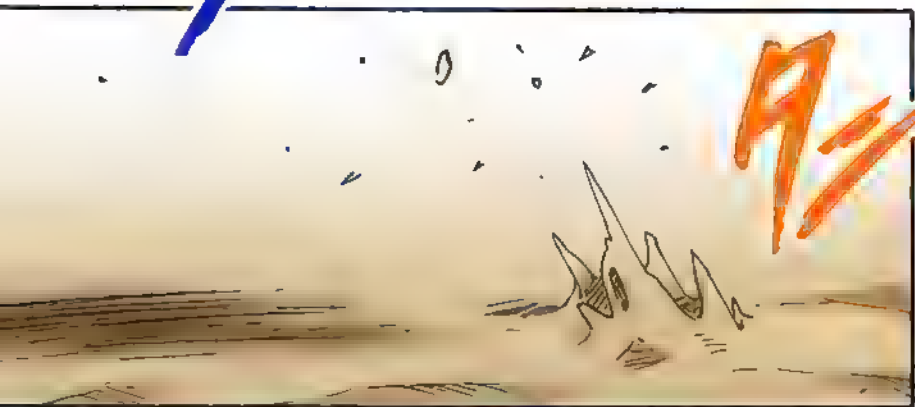
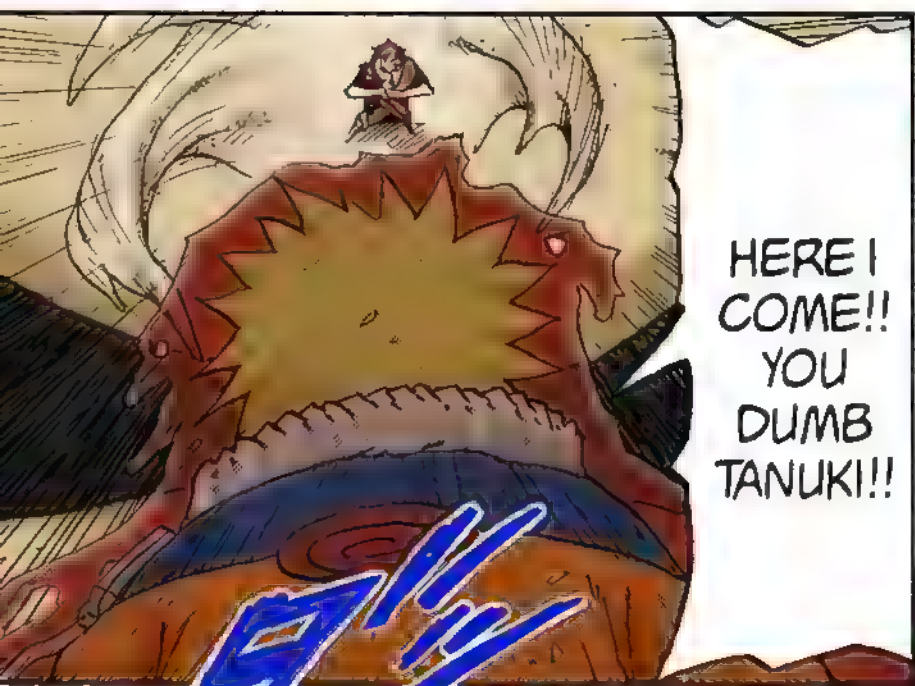
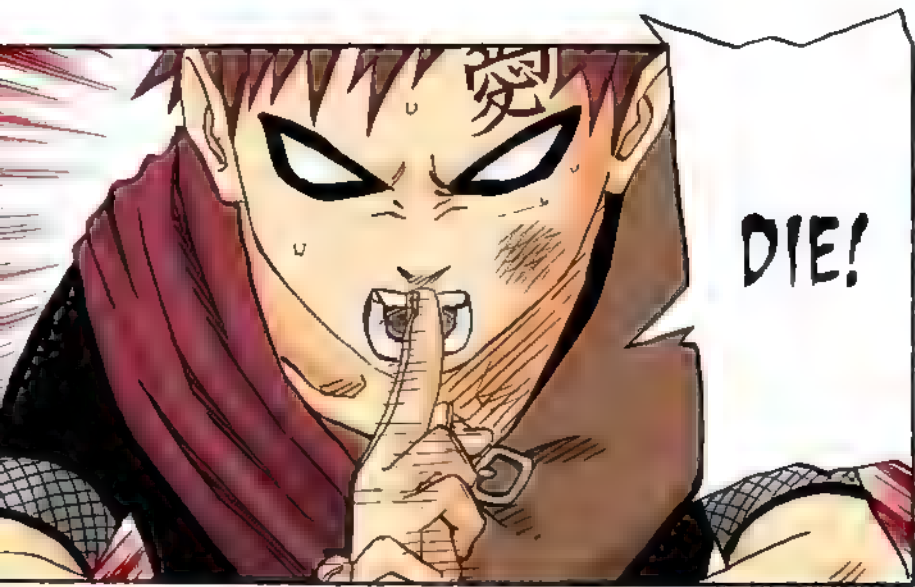


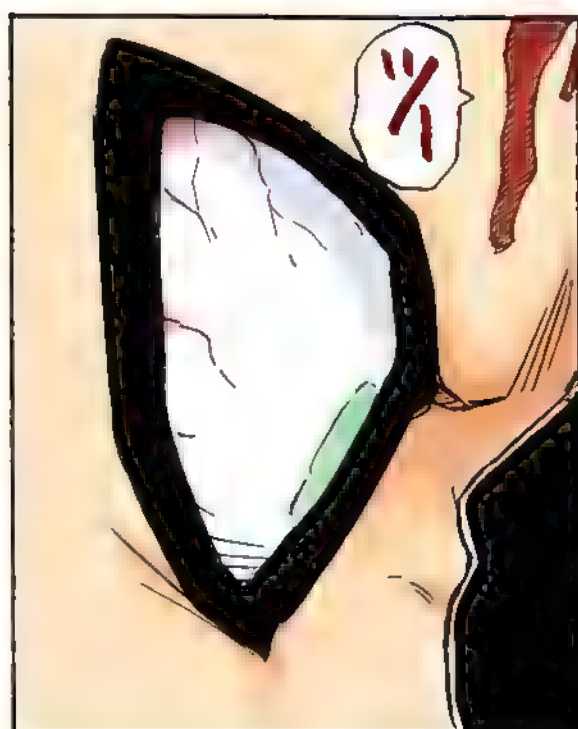
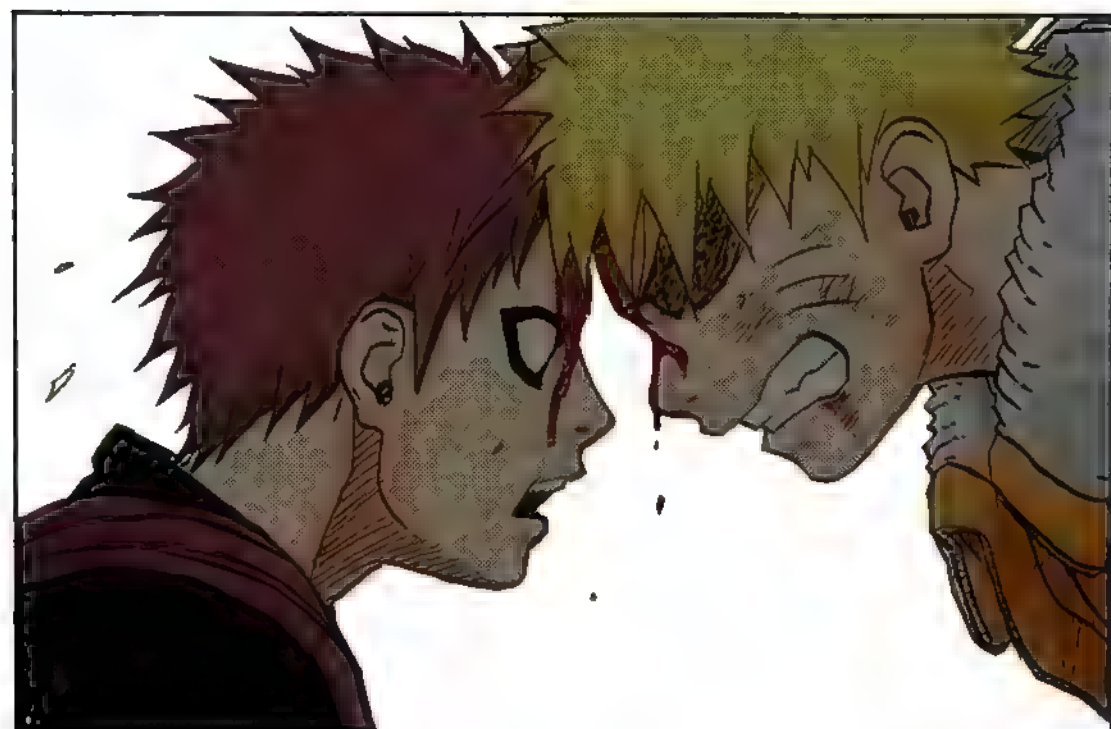
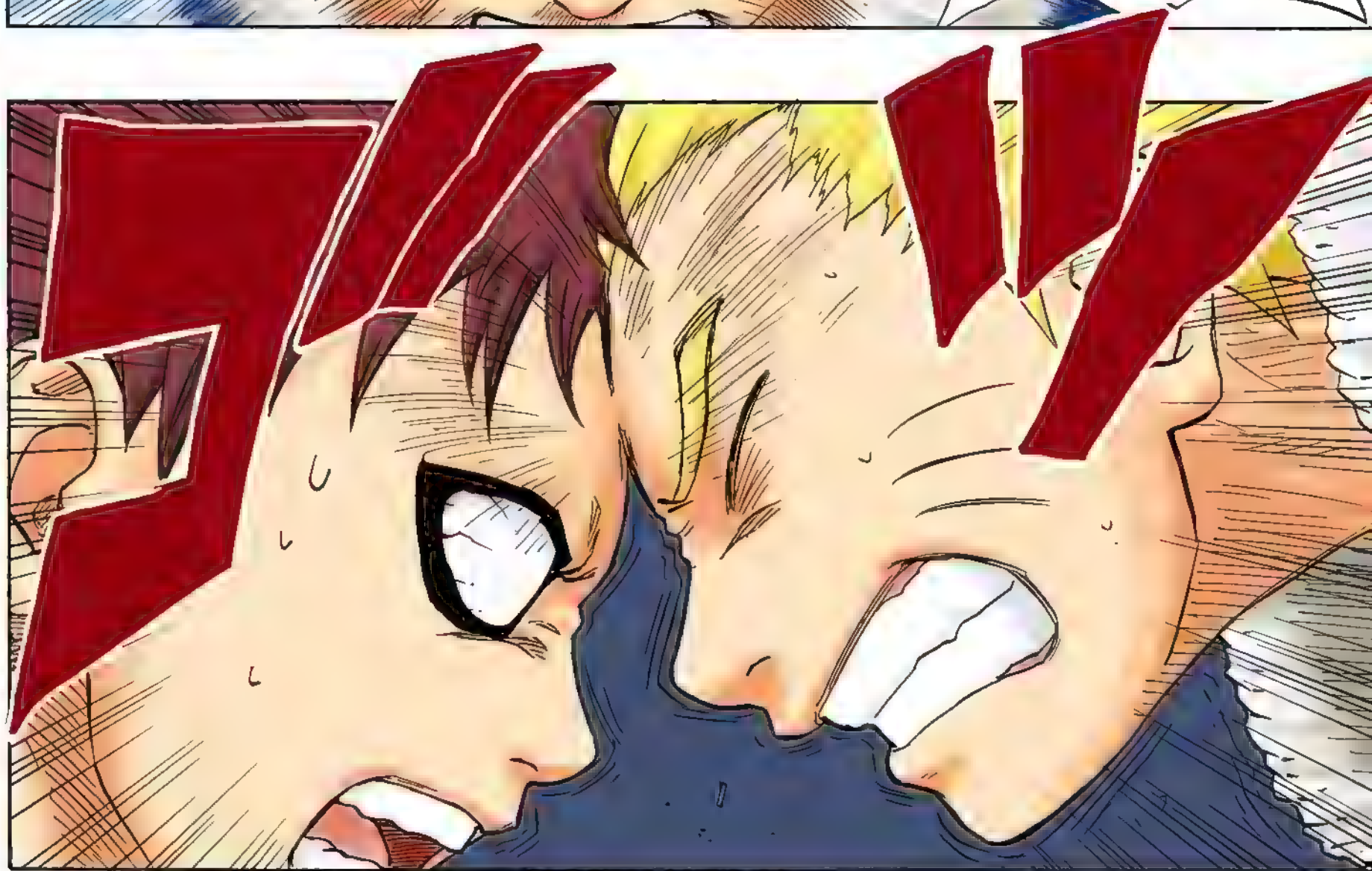
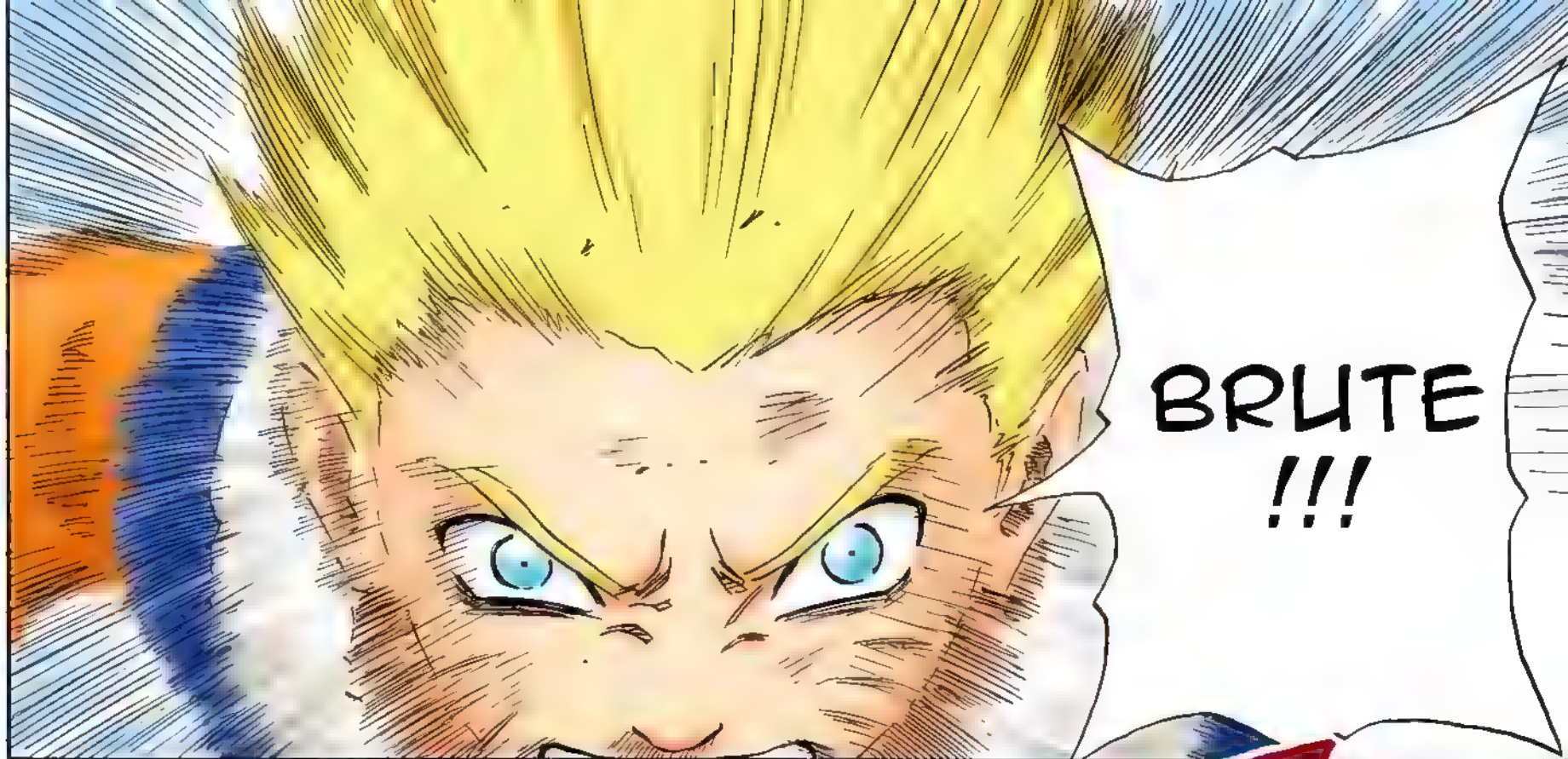




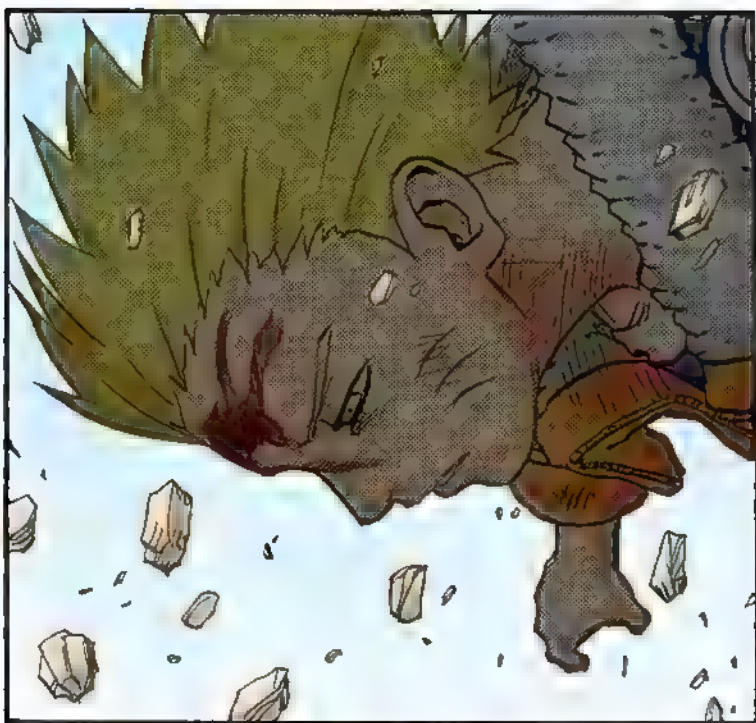
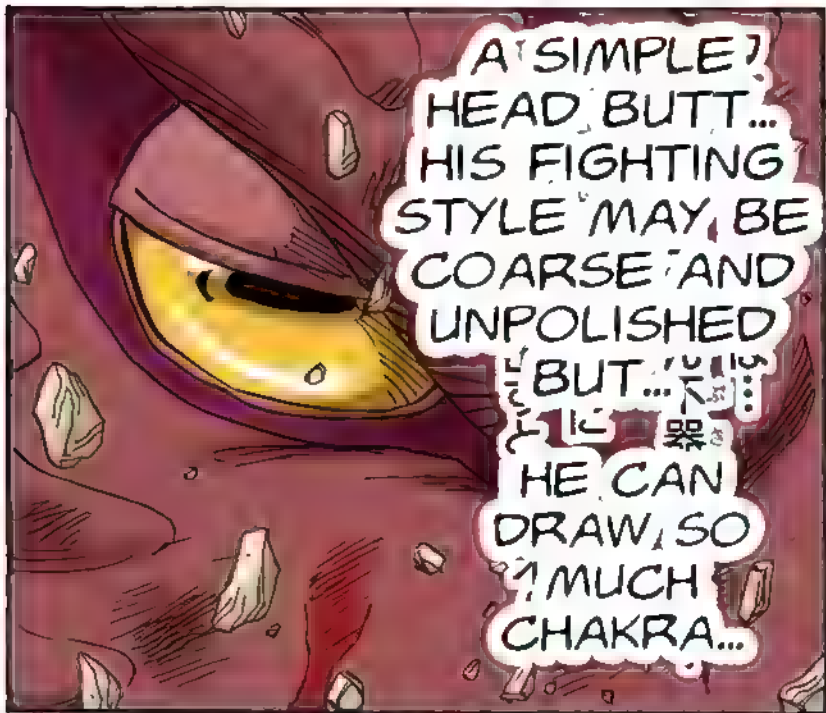


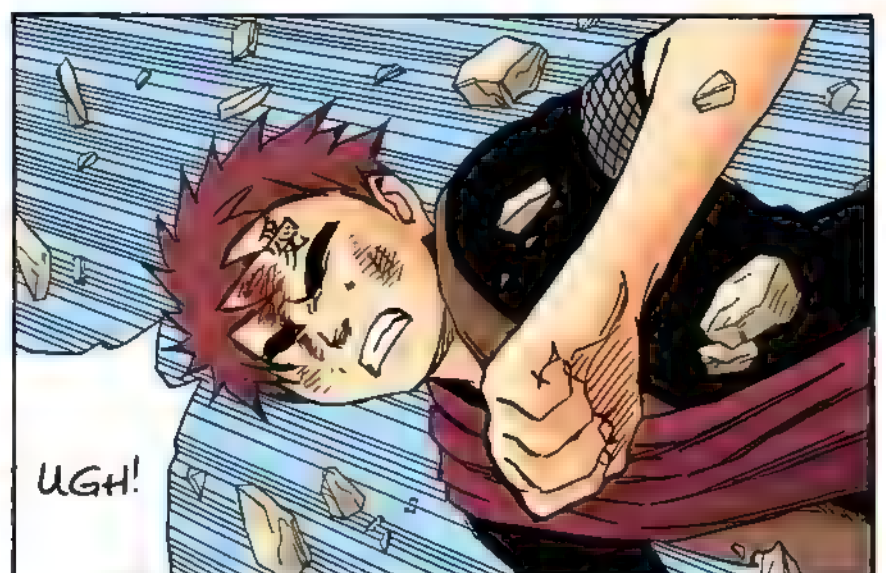
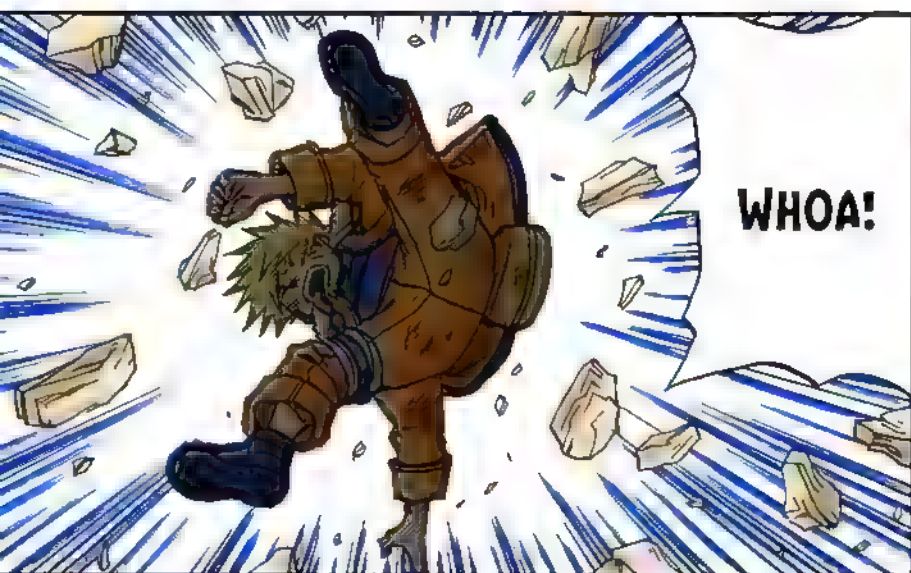
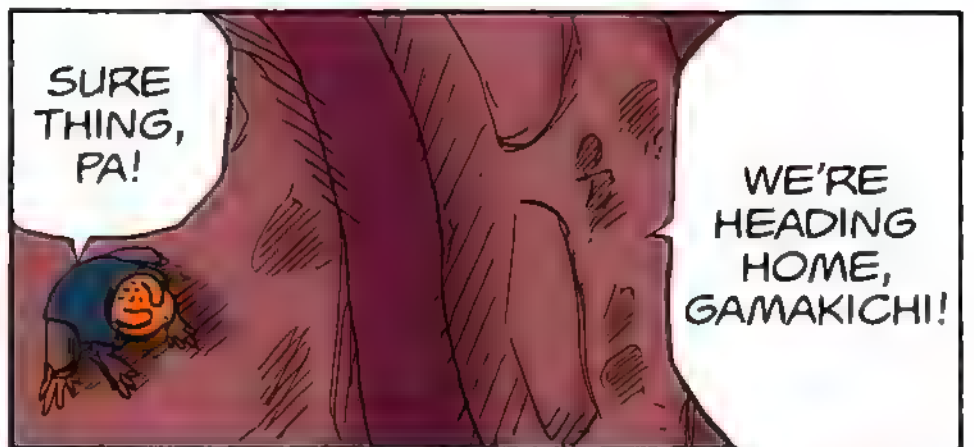
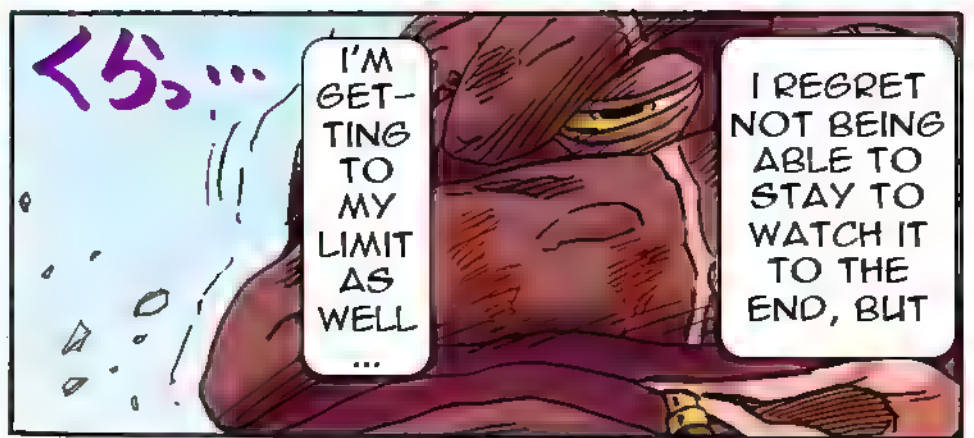


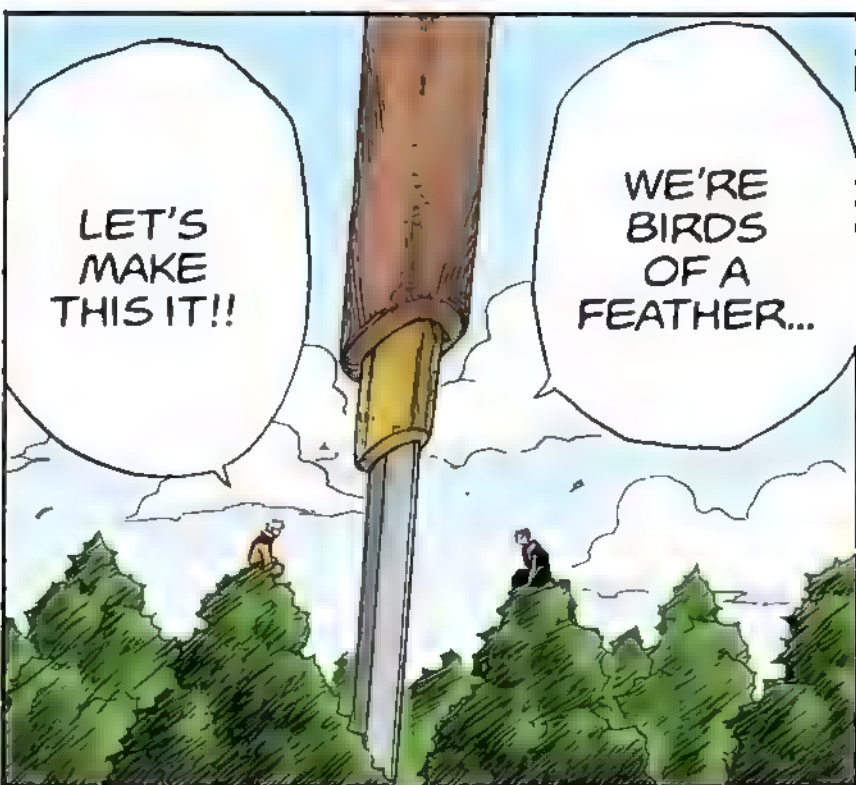
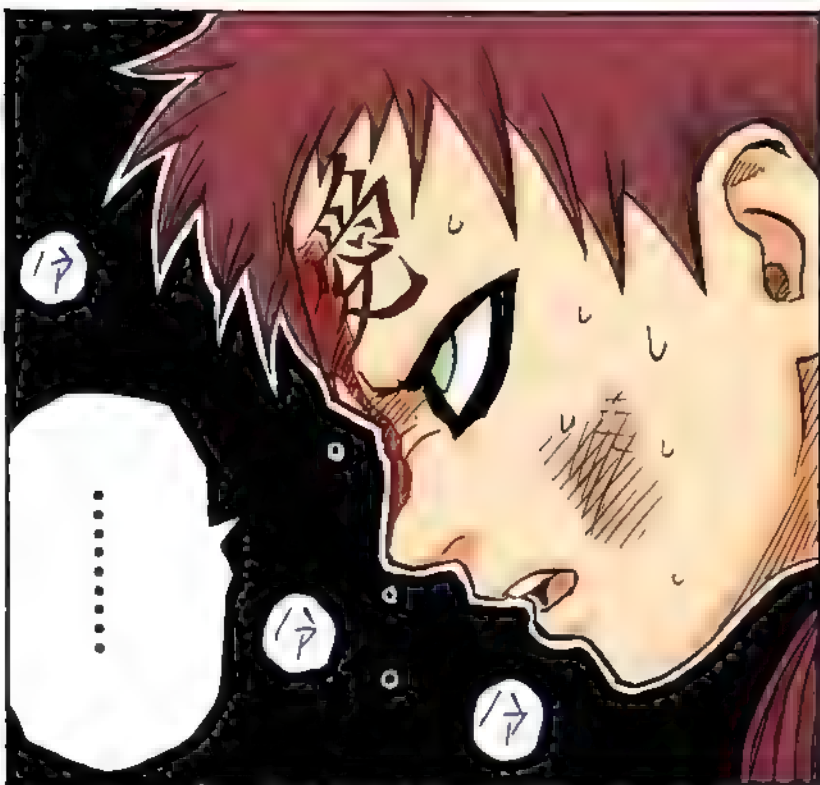
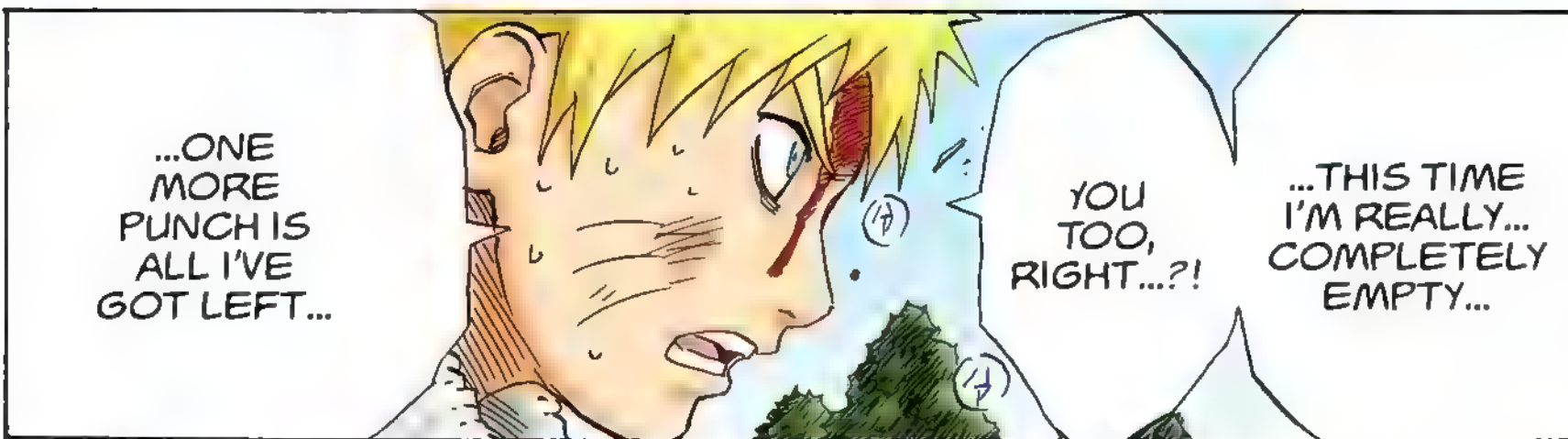


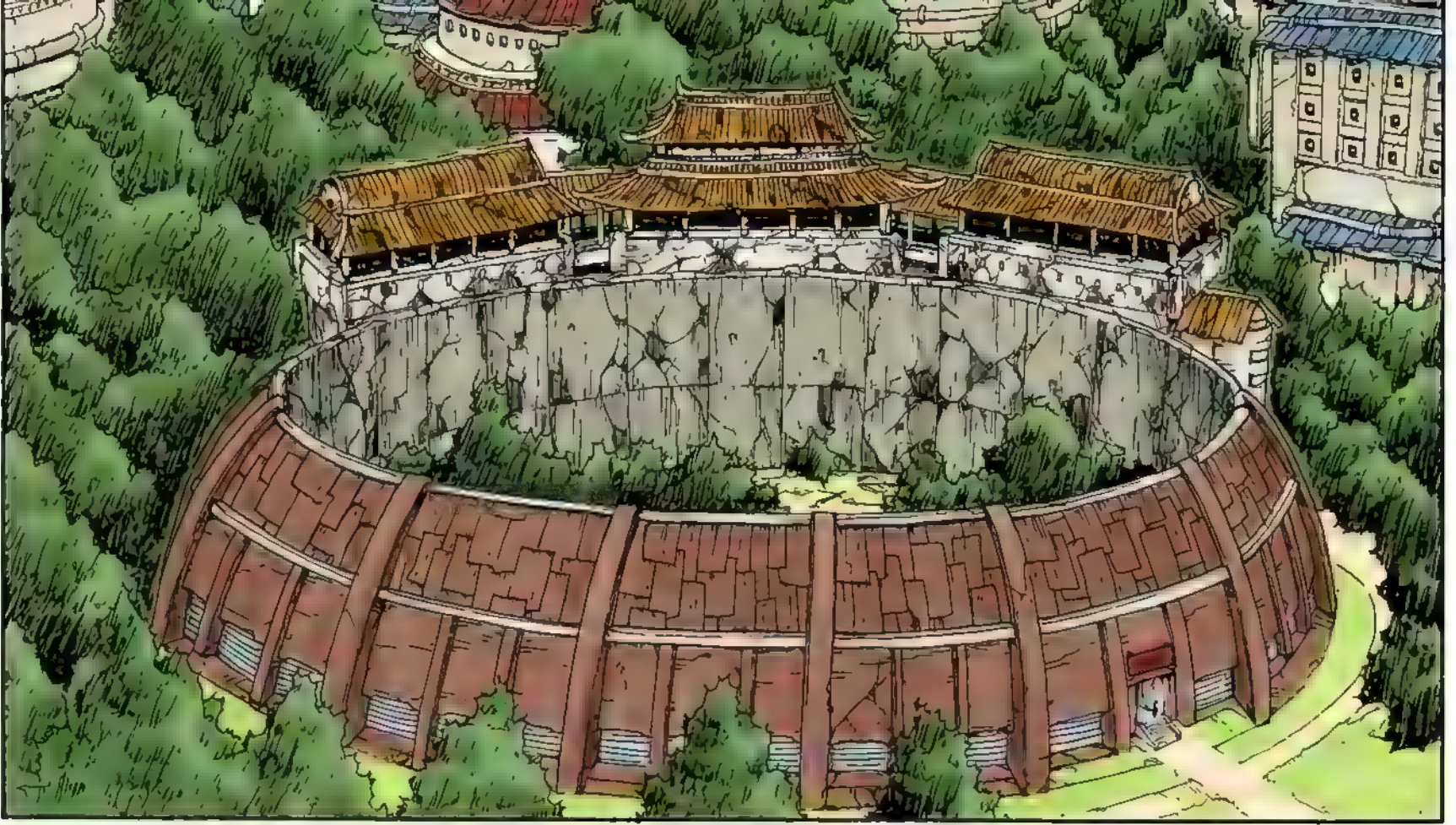


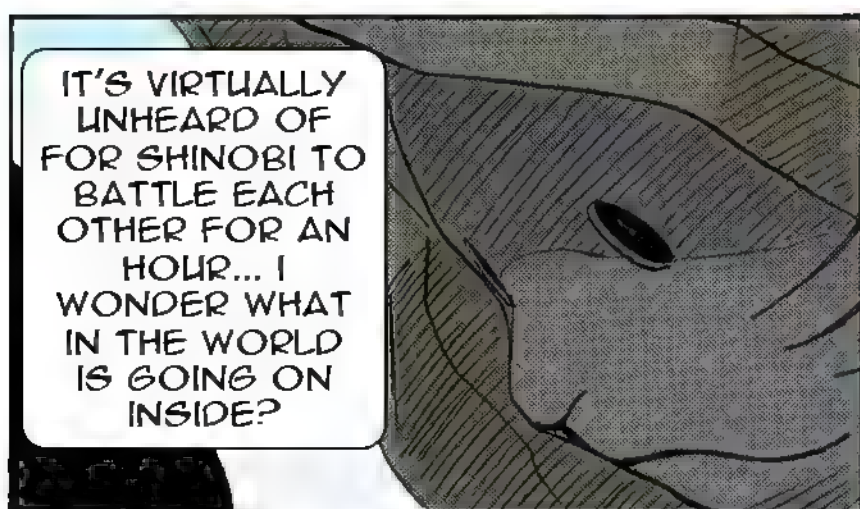












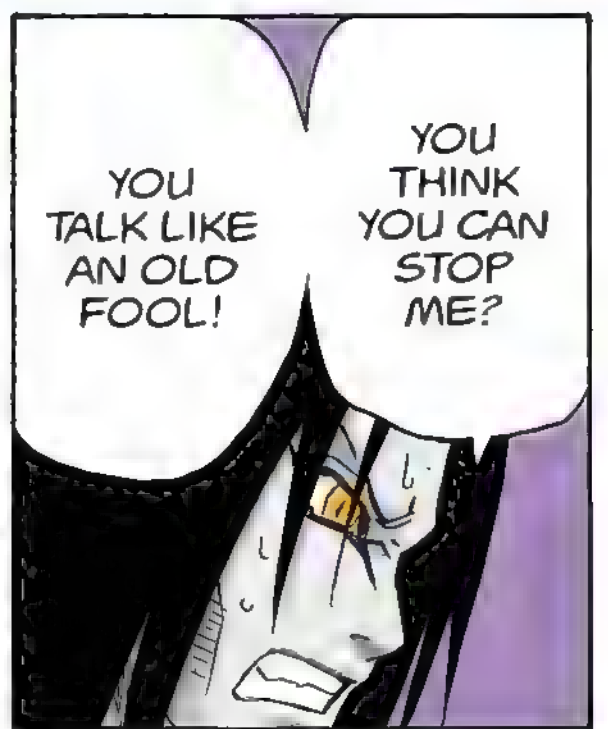
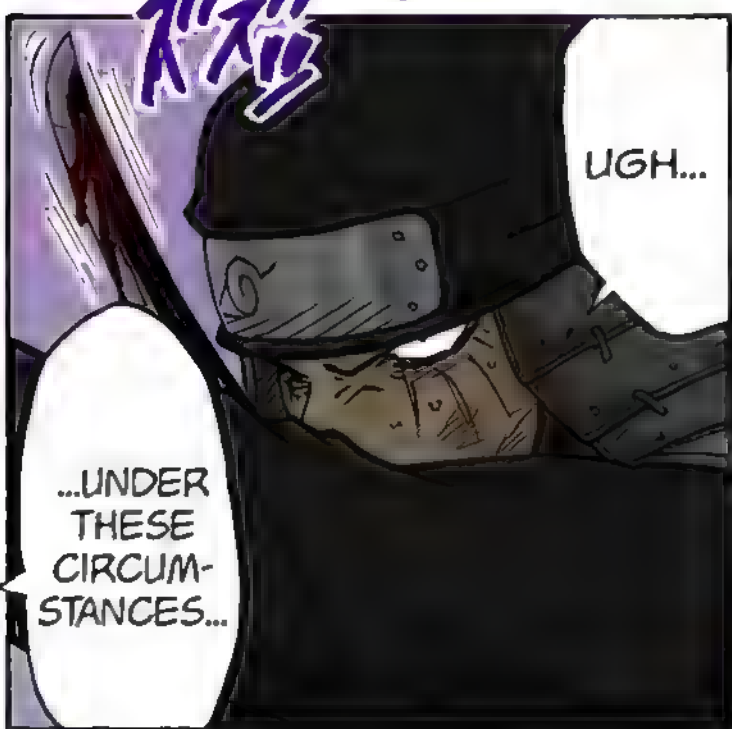


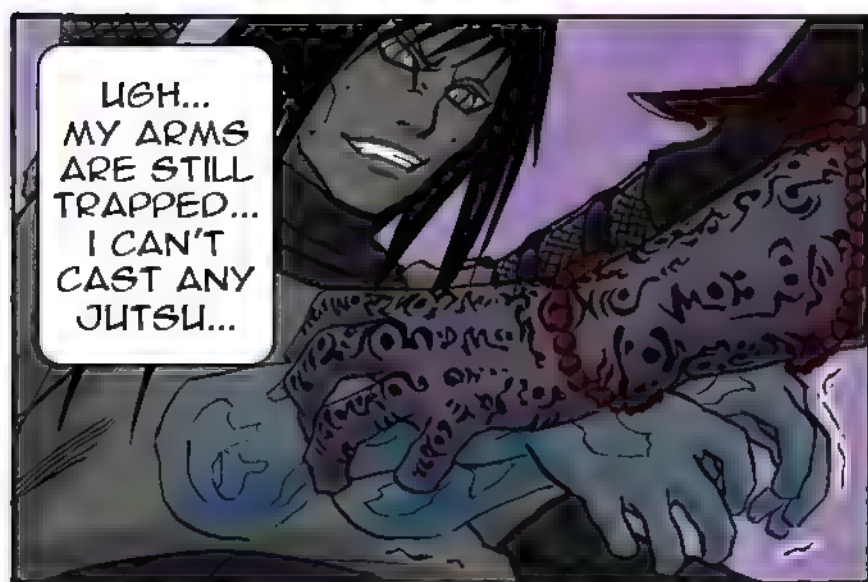
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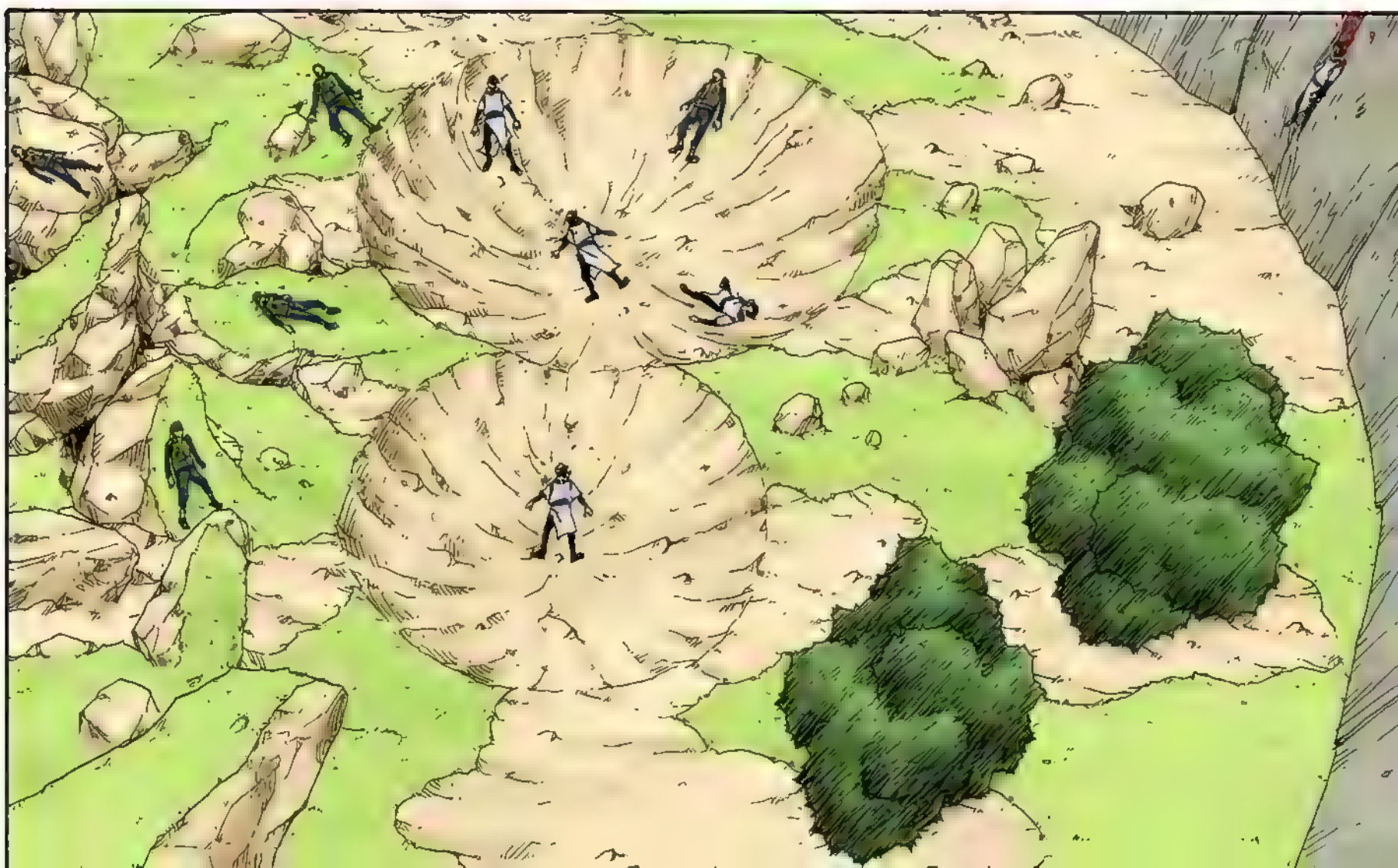
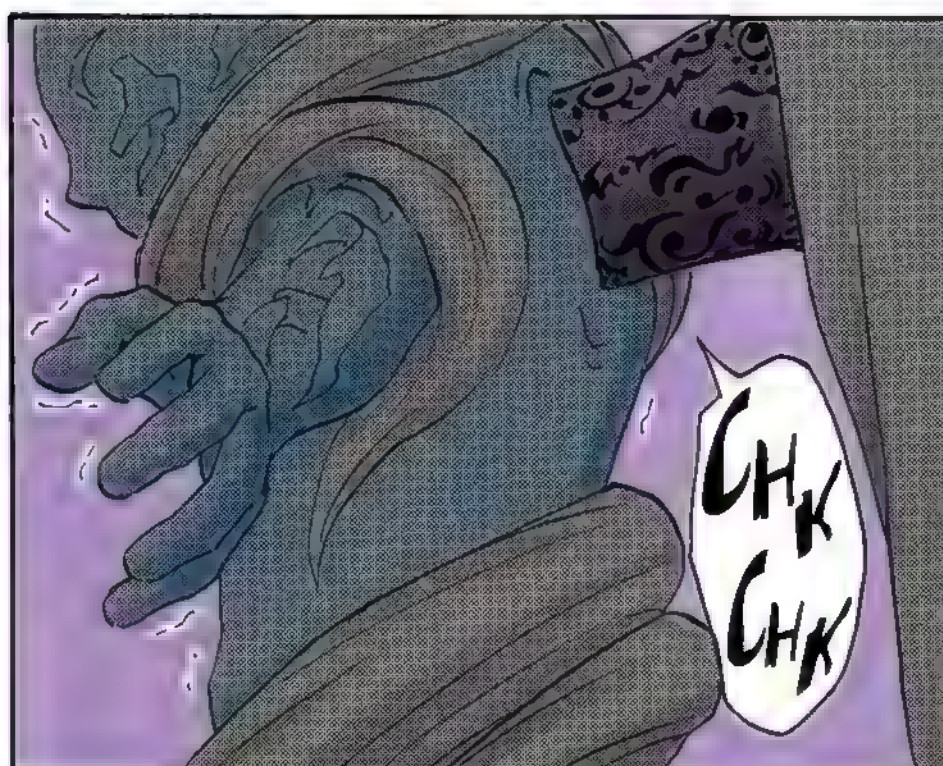
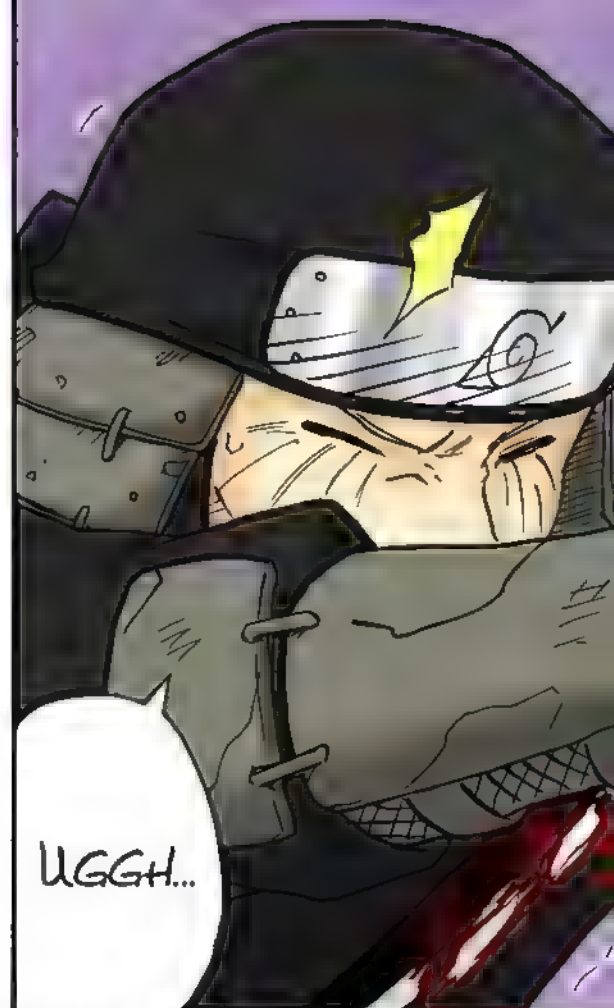
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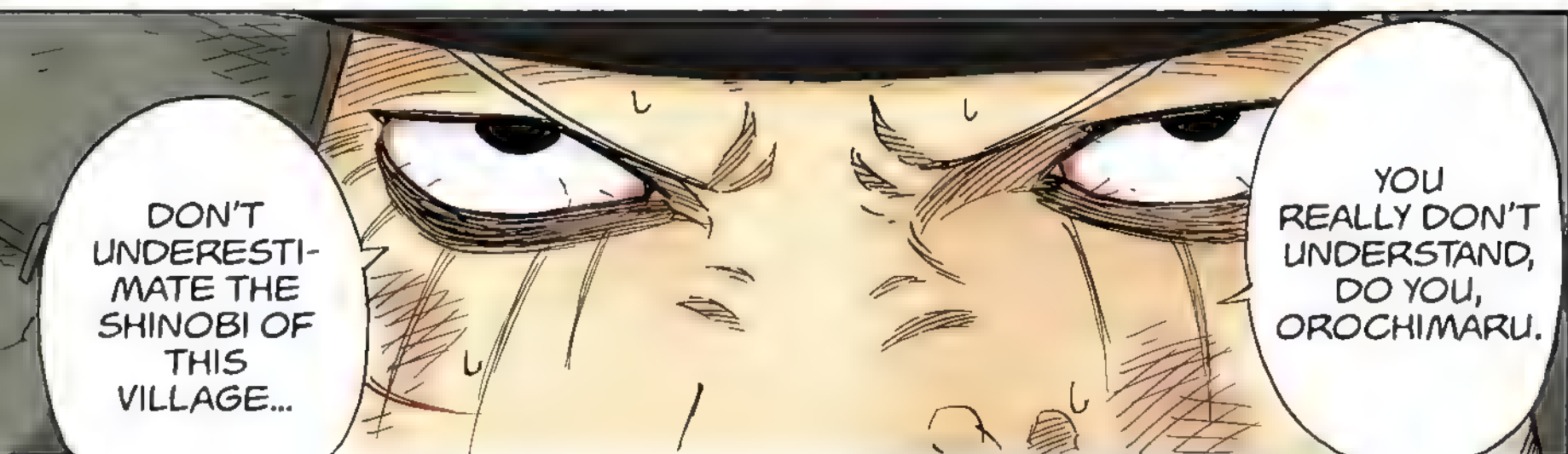
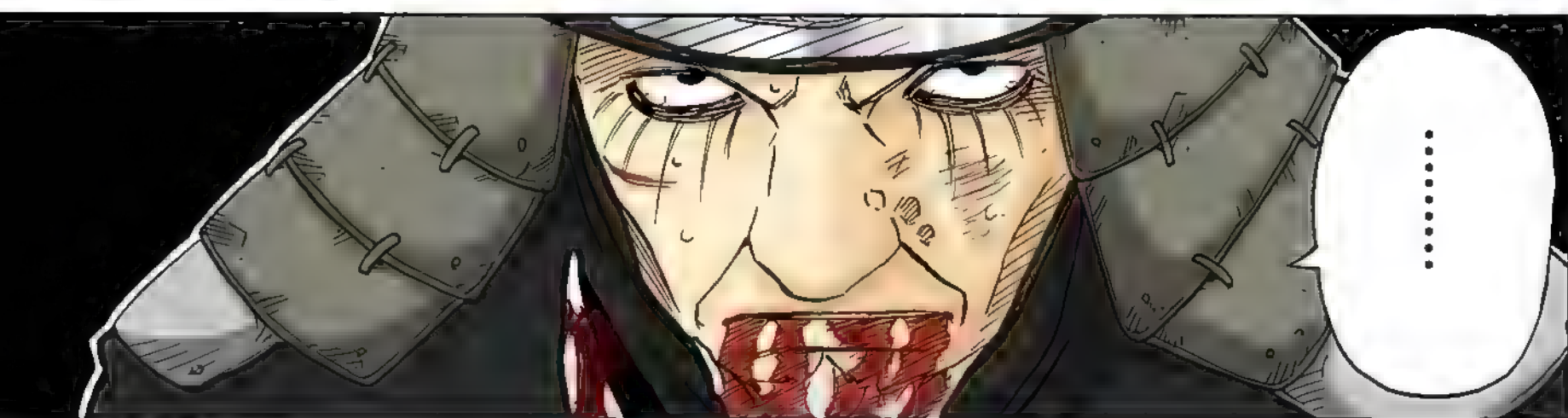
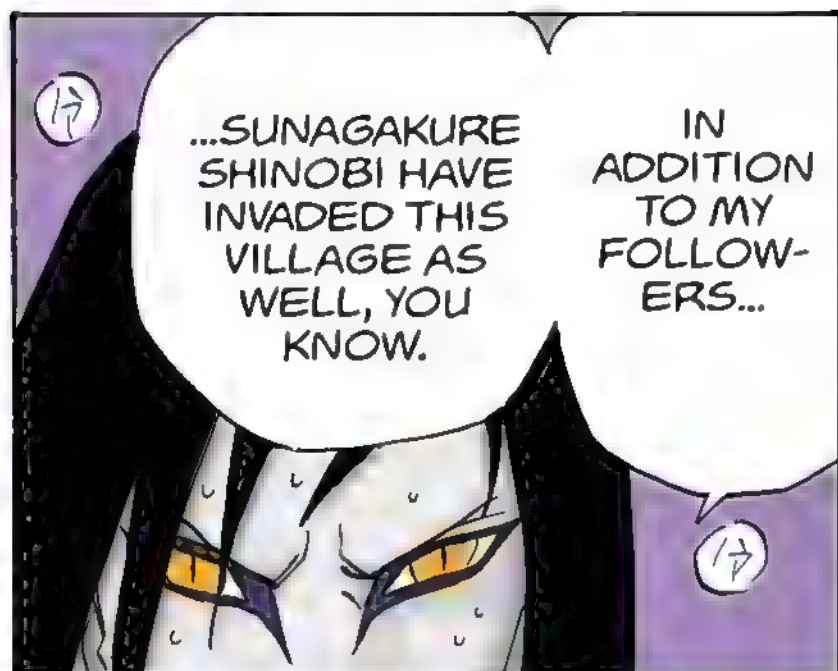


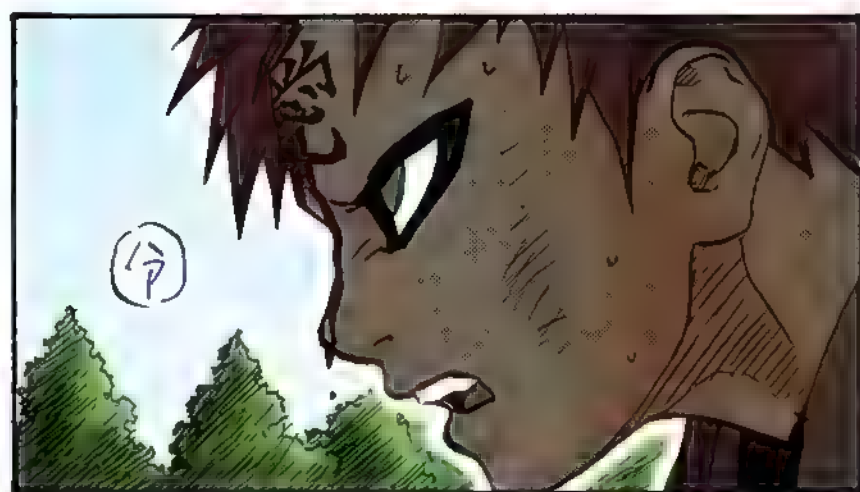
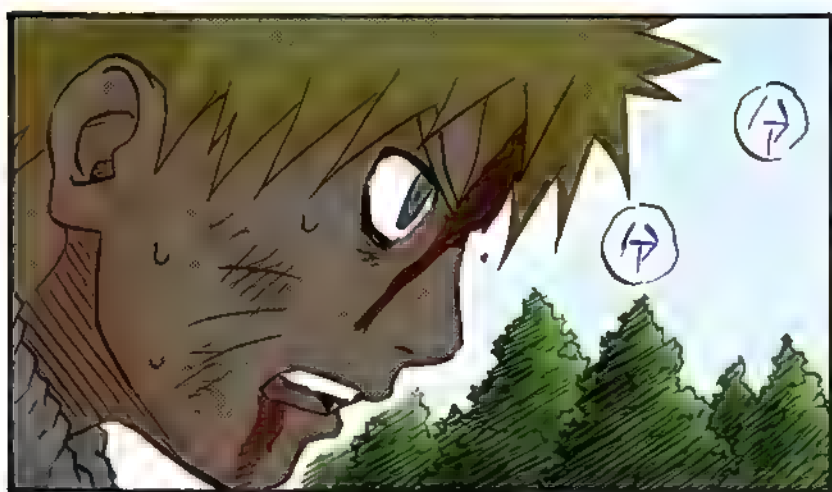
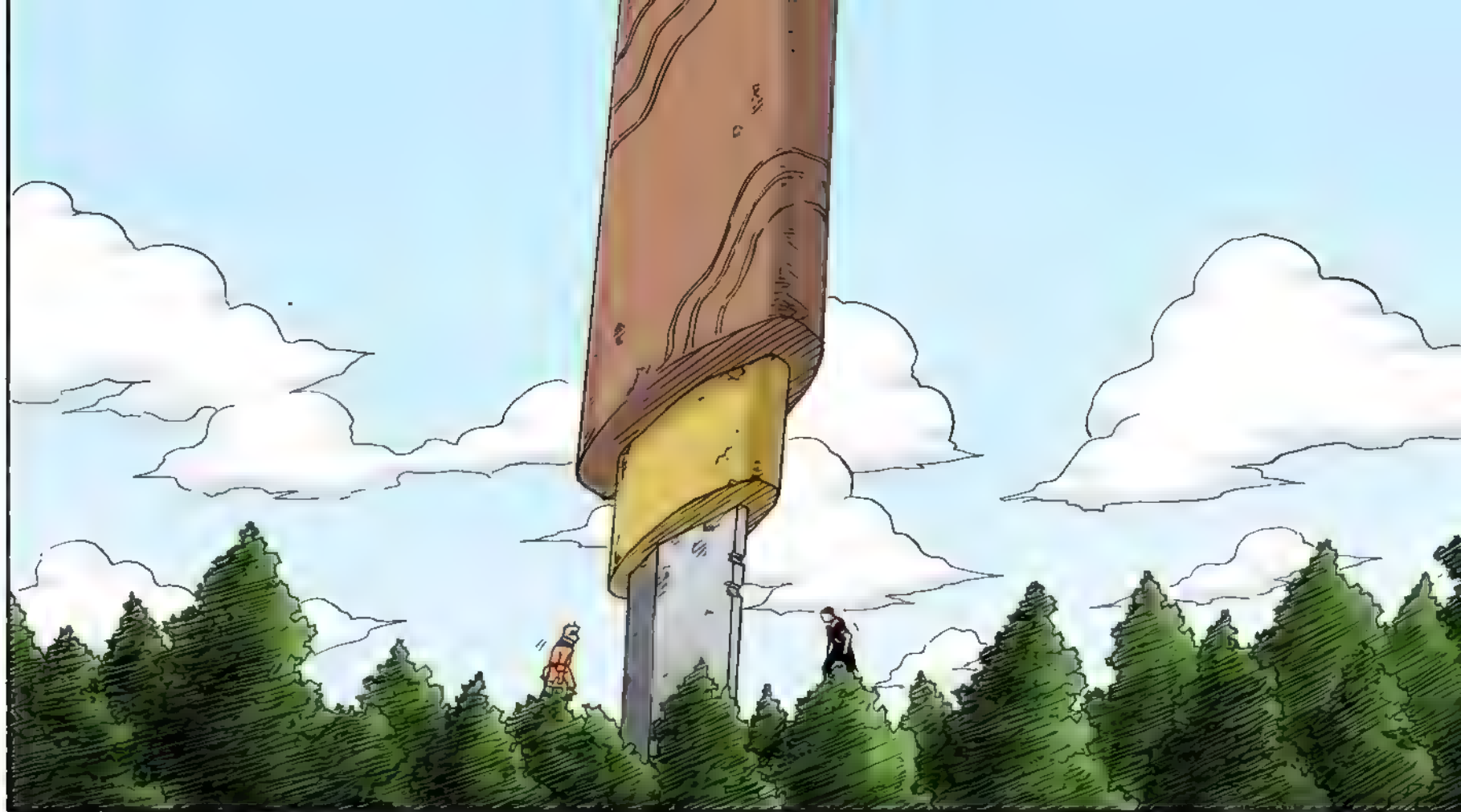
THE SHINOBI OF KONOHA!!



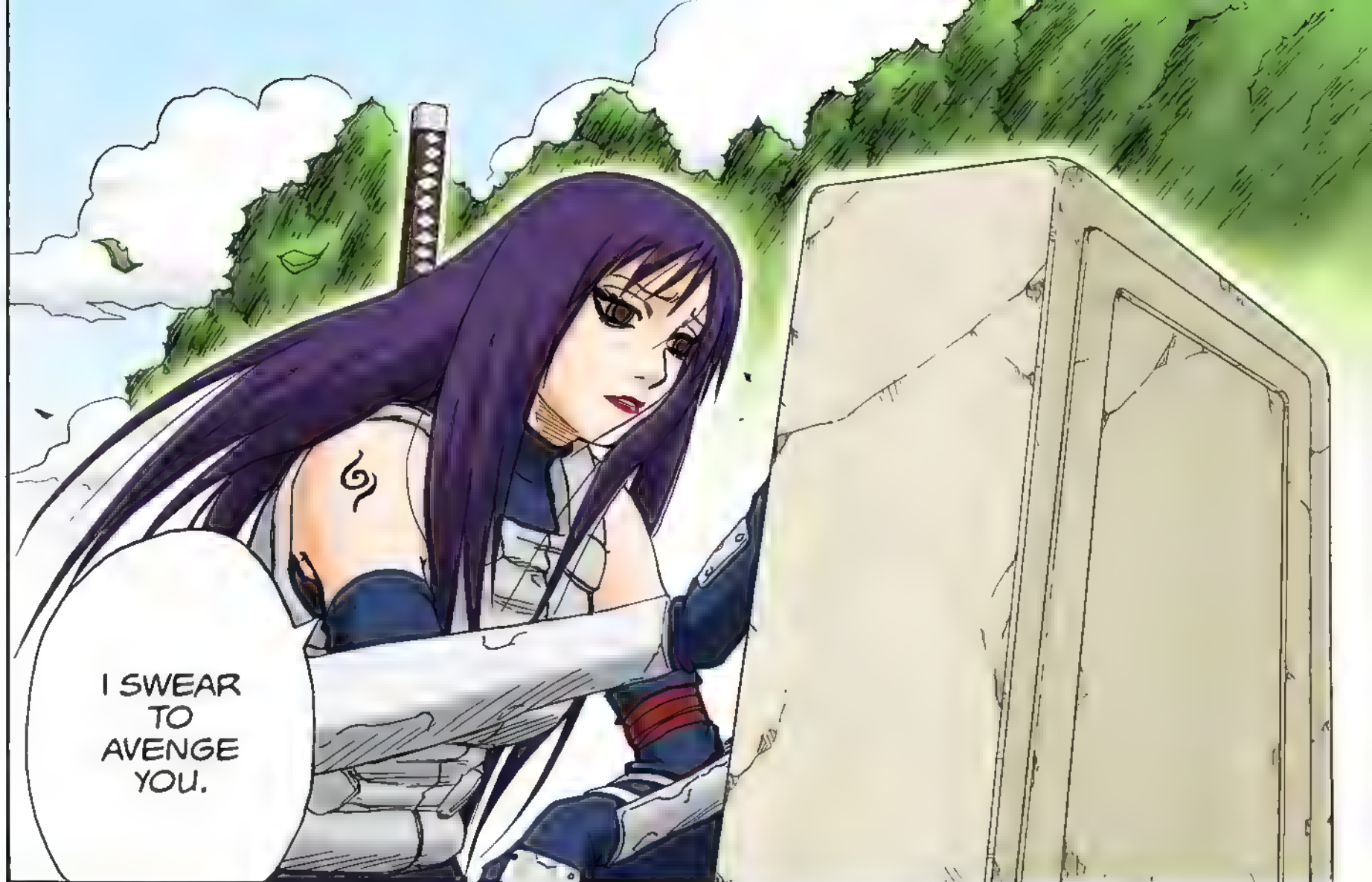




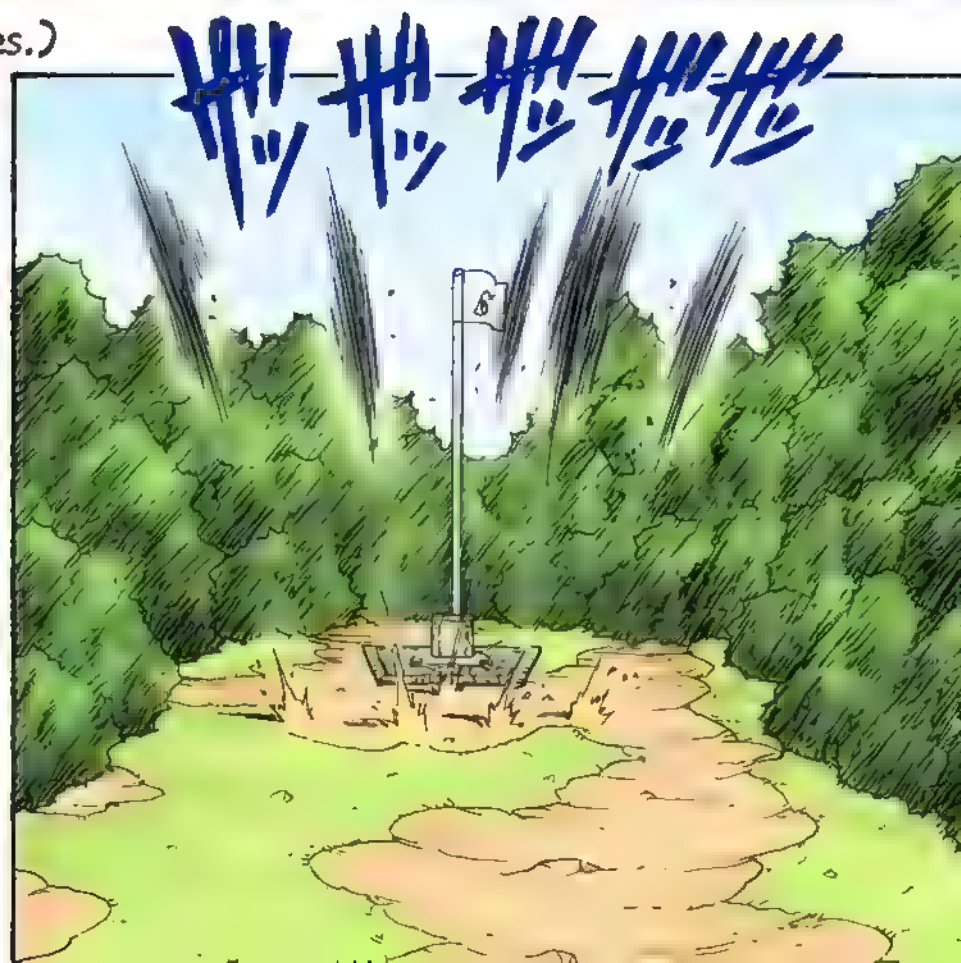
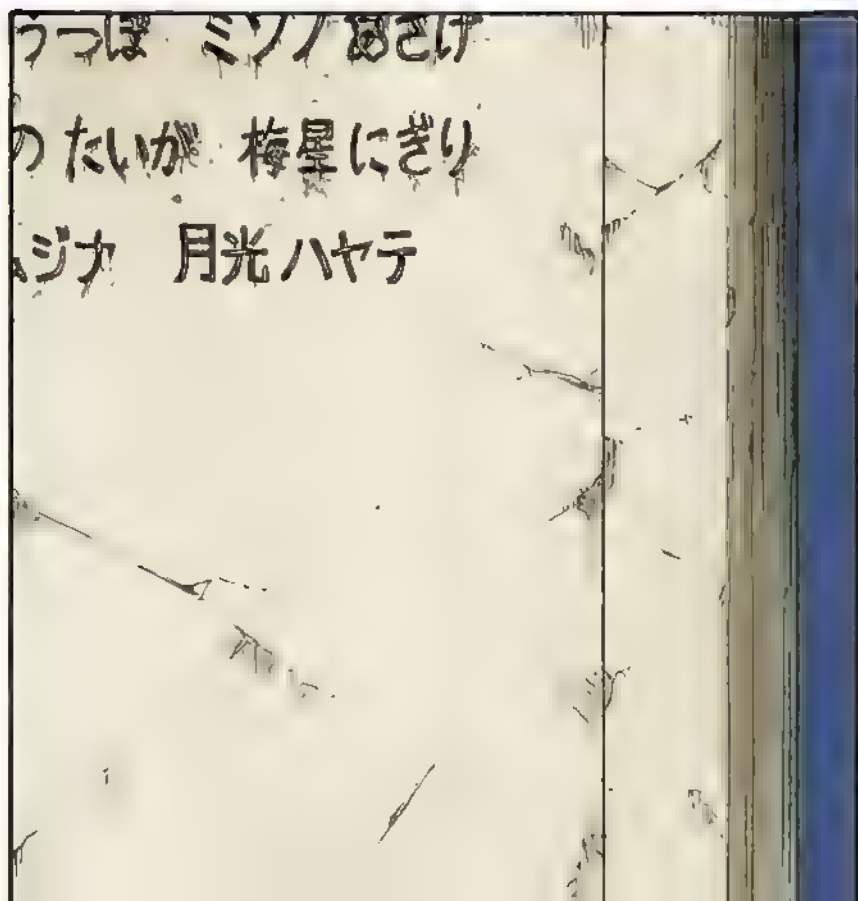


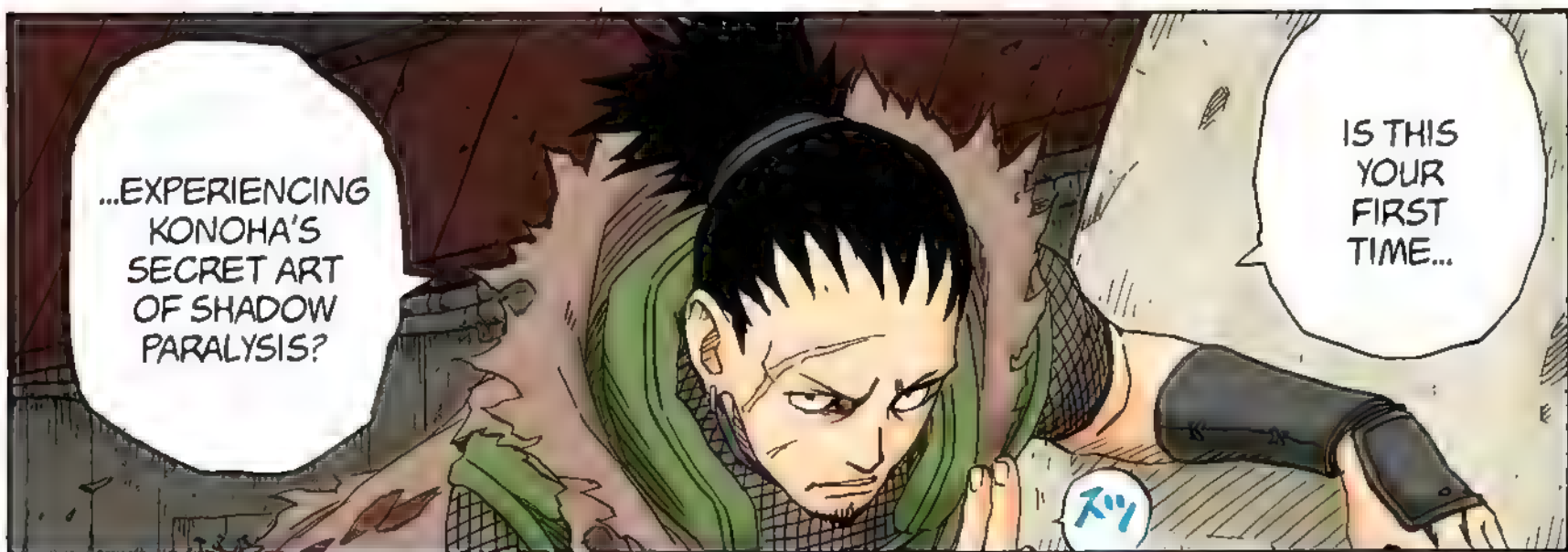


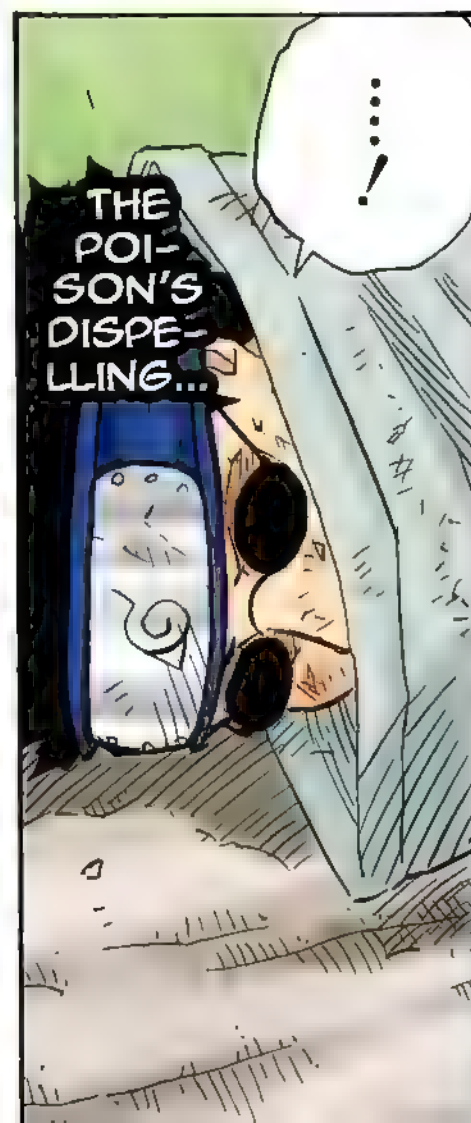
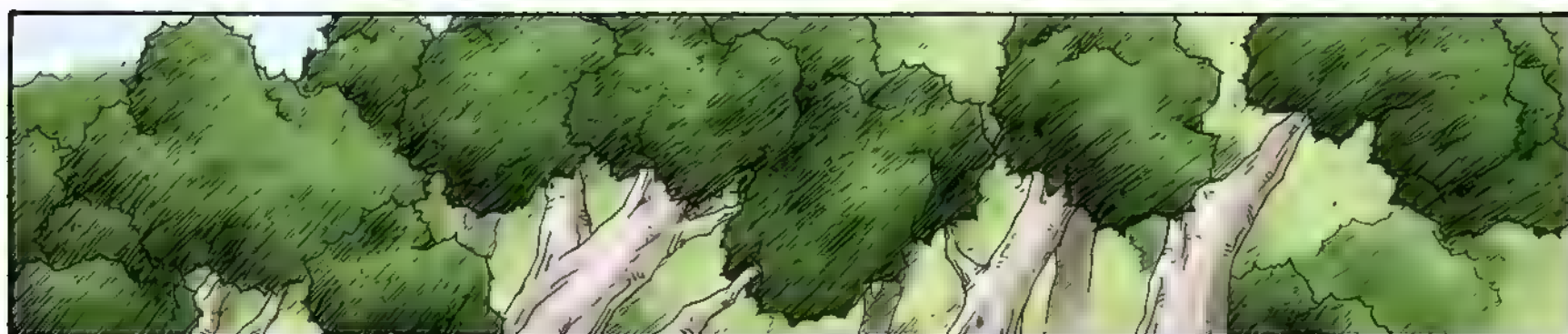


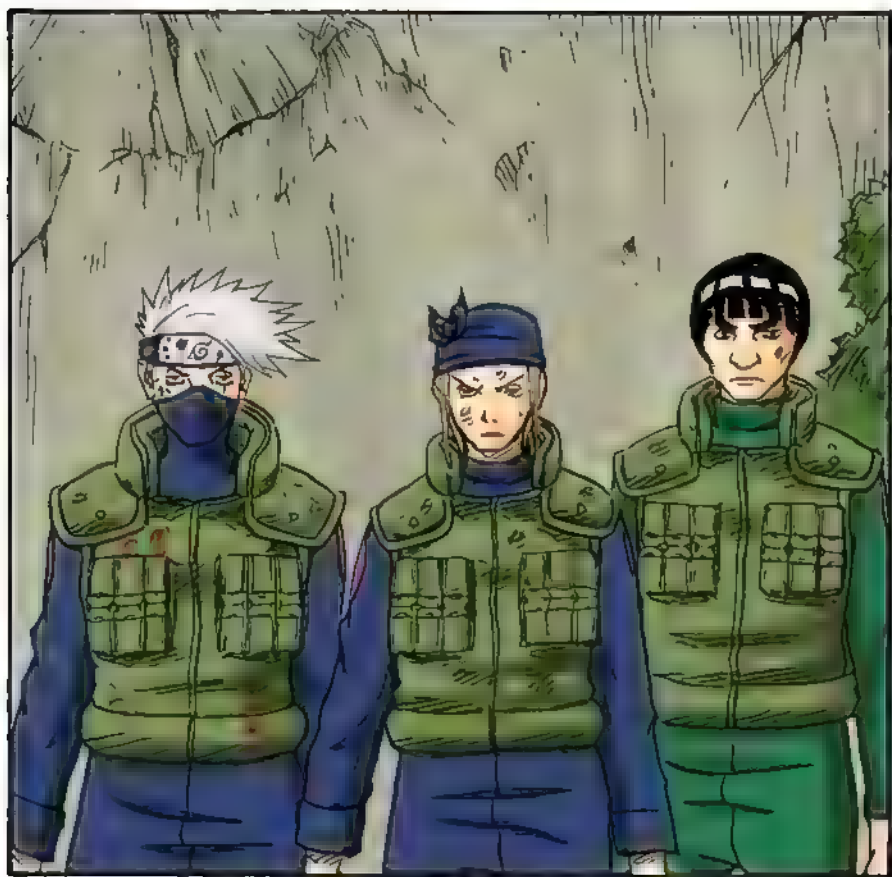
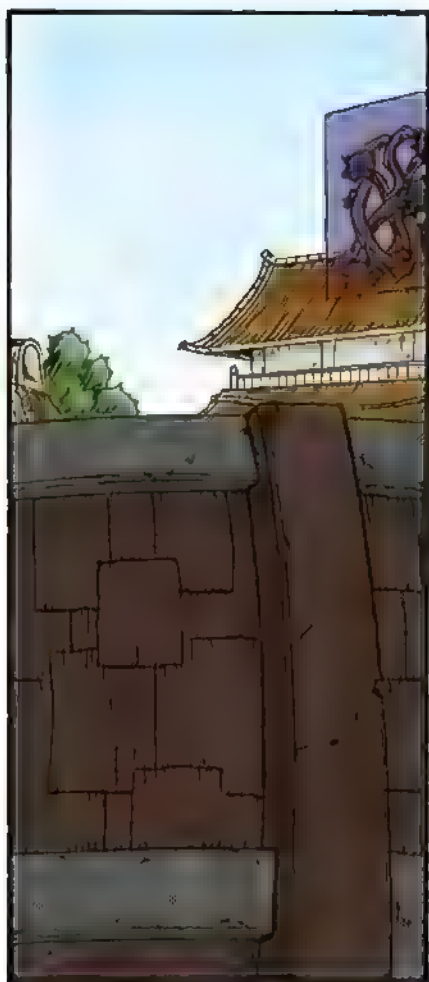


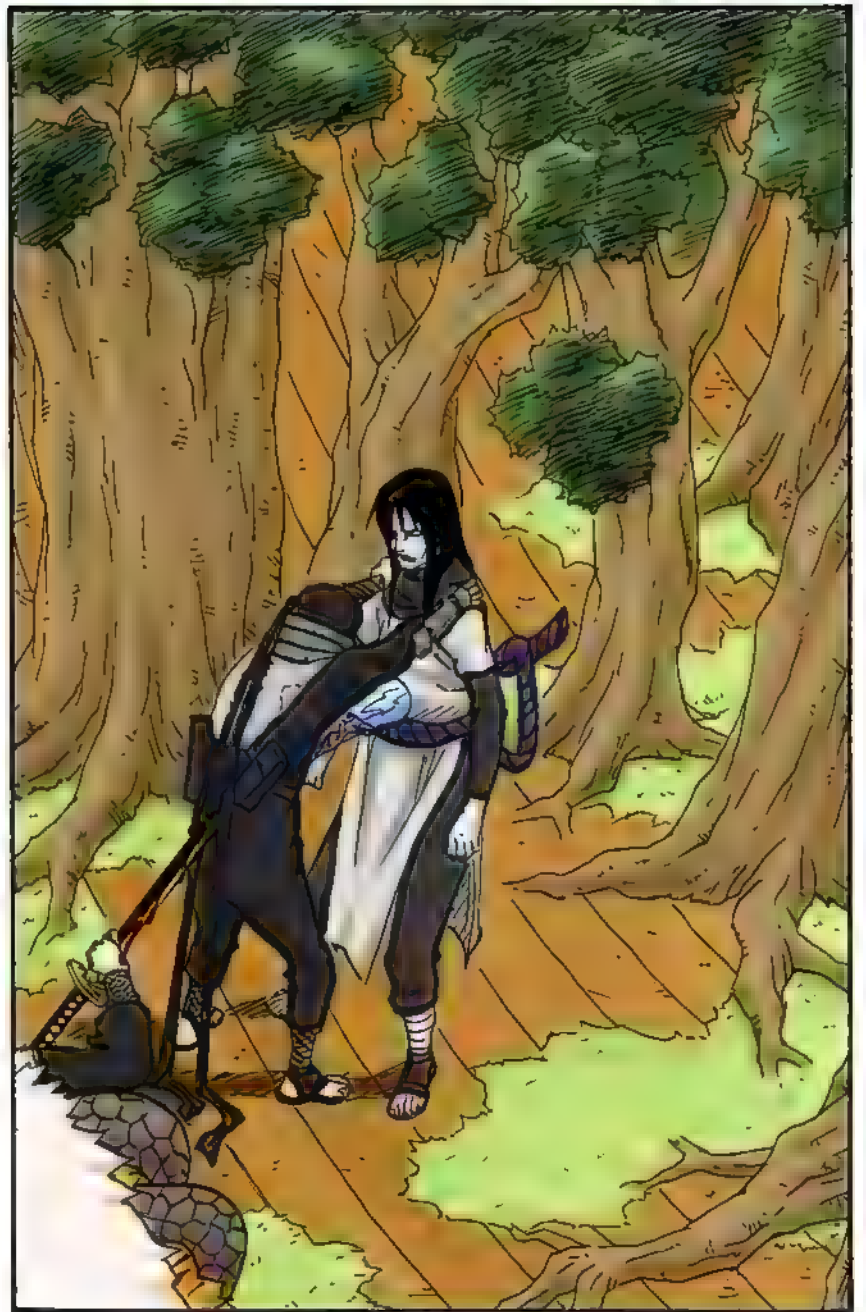
(Gravestone: the names of Konoha's fallen heroes.)













...WHEN HE
OR SHE IS
DEFENDING
THOSE
PRECIOUS
TO HIM OR
HER...

I TOLD
YOU
THAT A
SHINOBI'S
TRUE
STRENGTH
EMERGES
...



TO YOU
WHO IS SO
ADDICTED TO
FALSE
PRIDE...

WELL,
NO
MATTER.

...THERE IS
NO GREATER
OR MORE
APPROPRIATE
PUNISHMENT.

...IT'S
NOT LIKE I
INTEND TO
FORGIVE
YOU AT
THIS POINT,
ANYWAY.



SPARE
ME THE
LECTURE...



HEH...

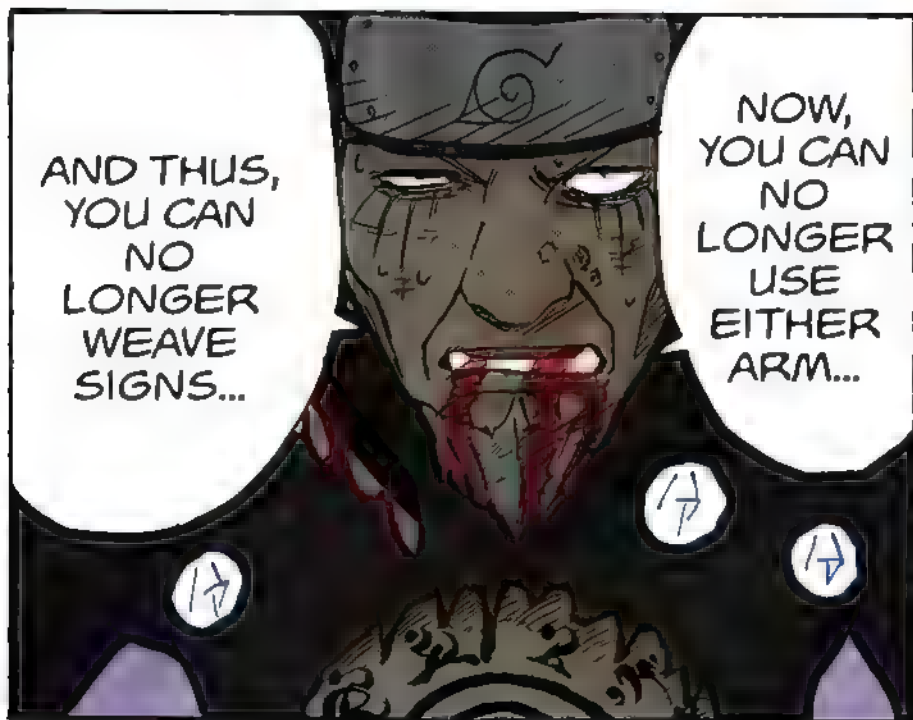


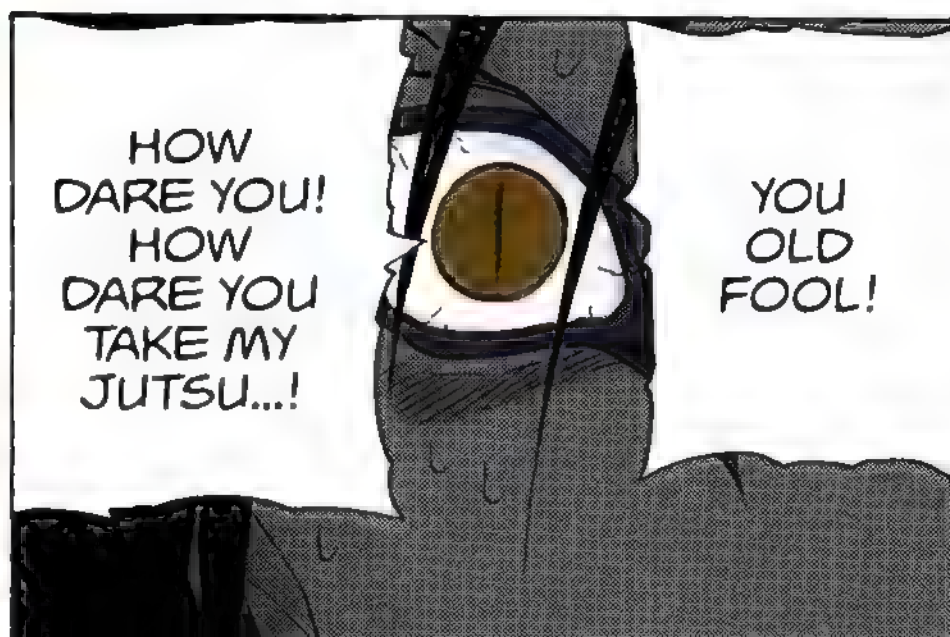
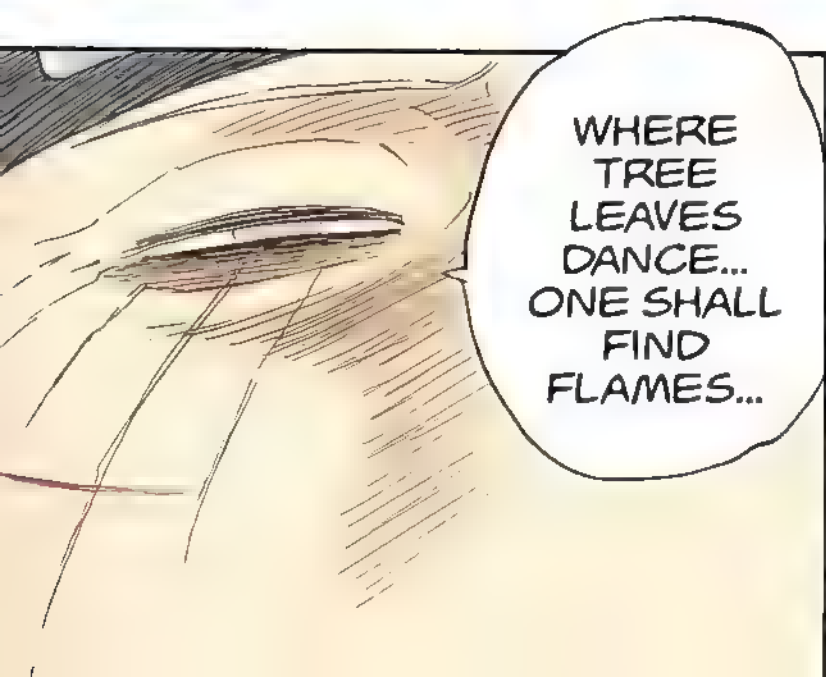
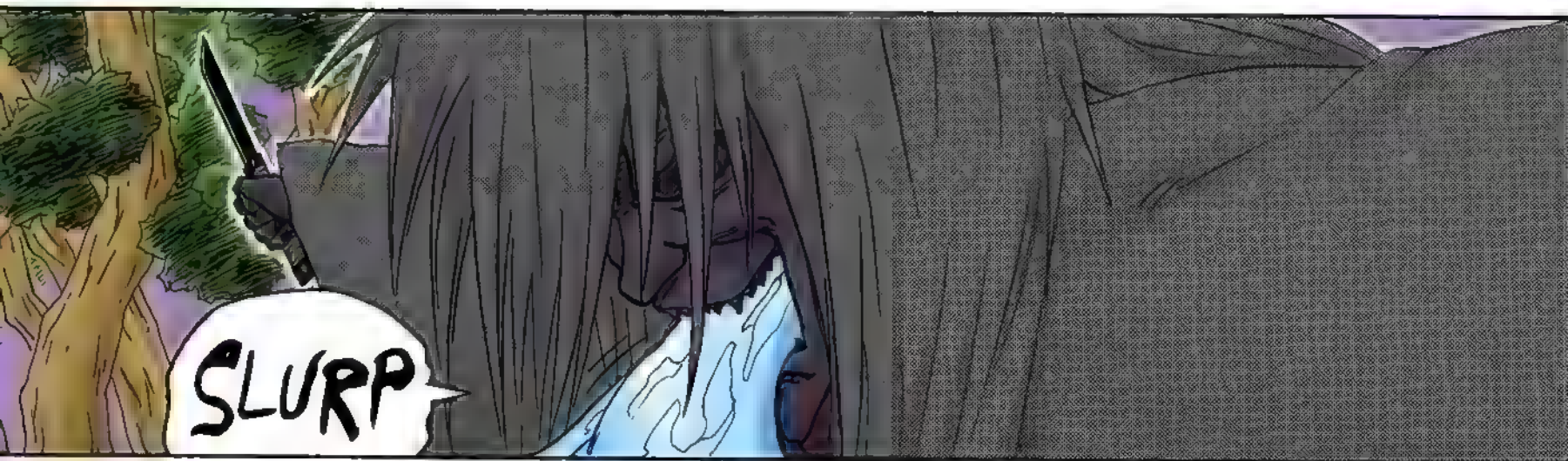
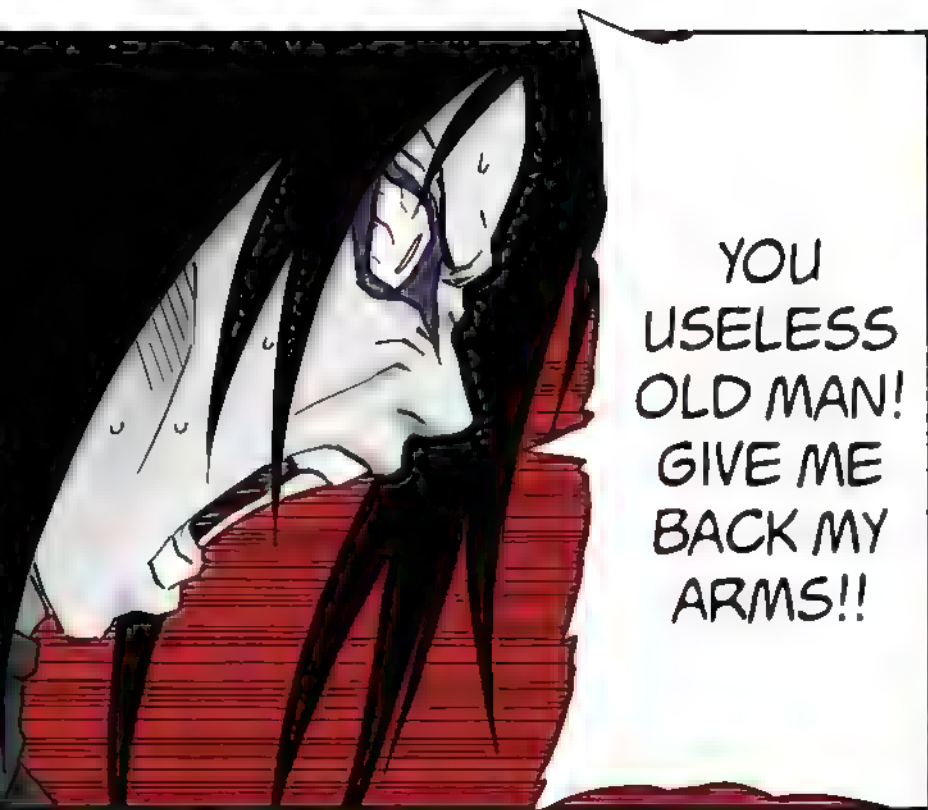
WHAT?!



I SHALL
TAKE ALL
YOUR
JUTSU
WITH
ME!!









AND
ONCE
AGAIN
TREE
LEAVES
SHALL
BUD
ANEW.

THE FIRE'S
SHADOW
WILL
ILLUMINATE
THE
VILLAGE...

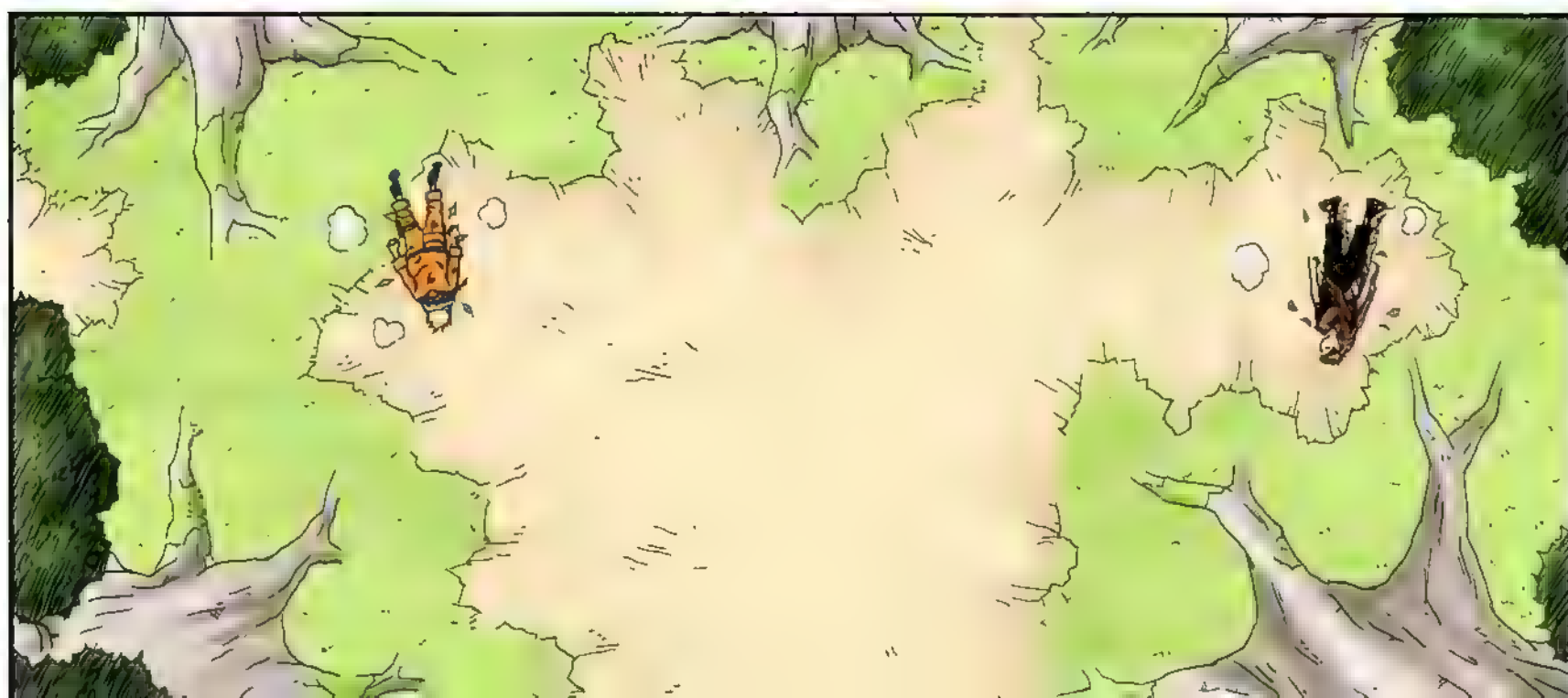
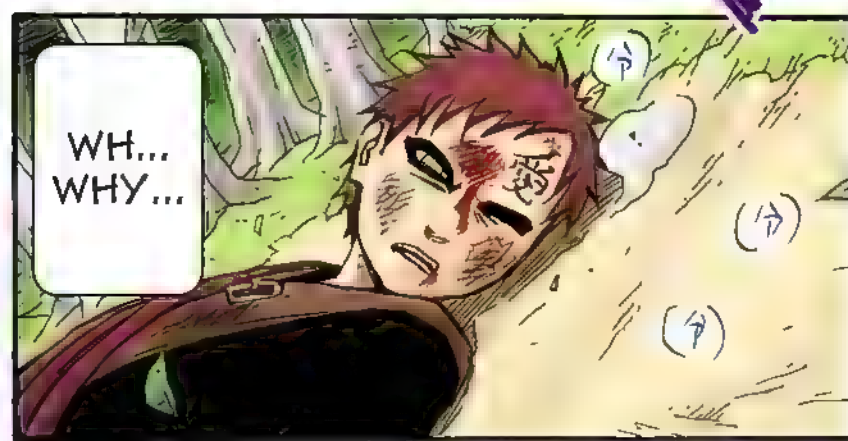
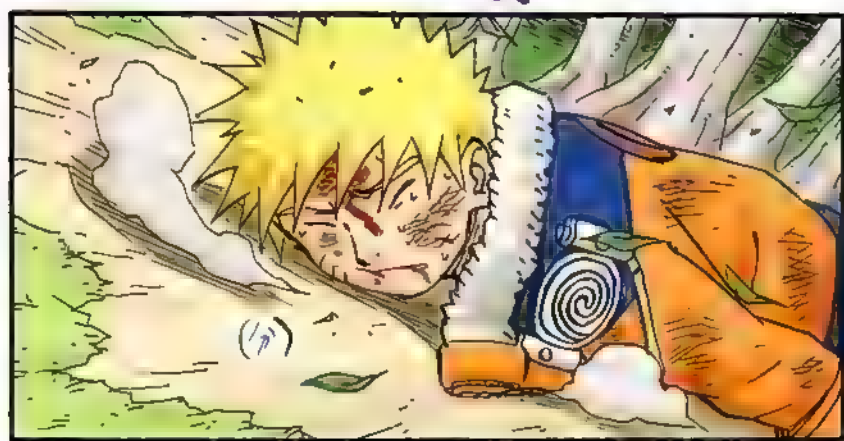
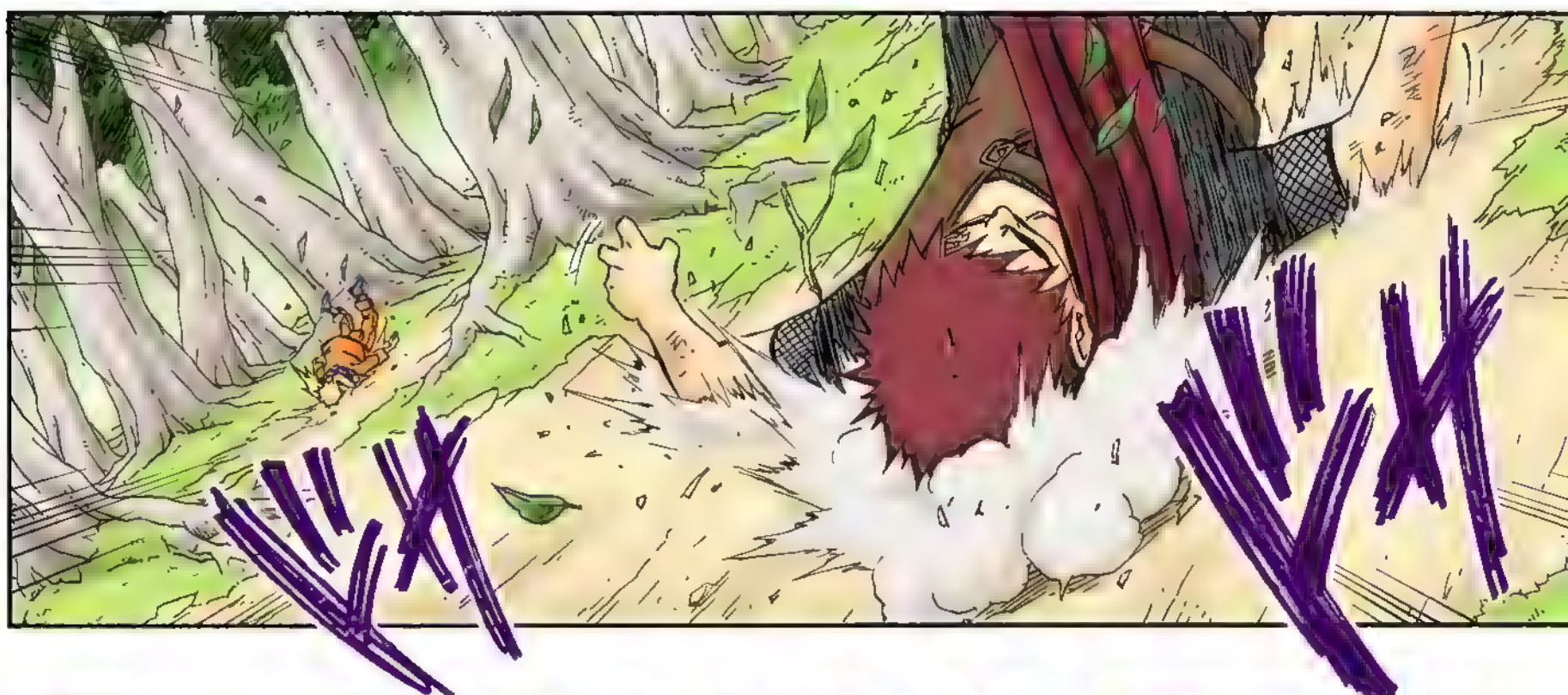


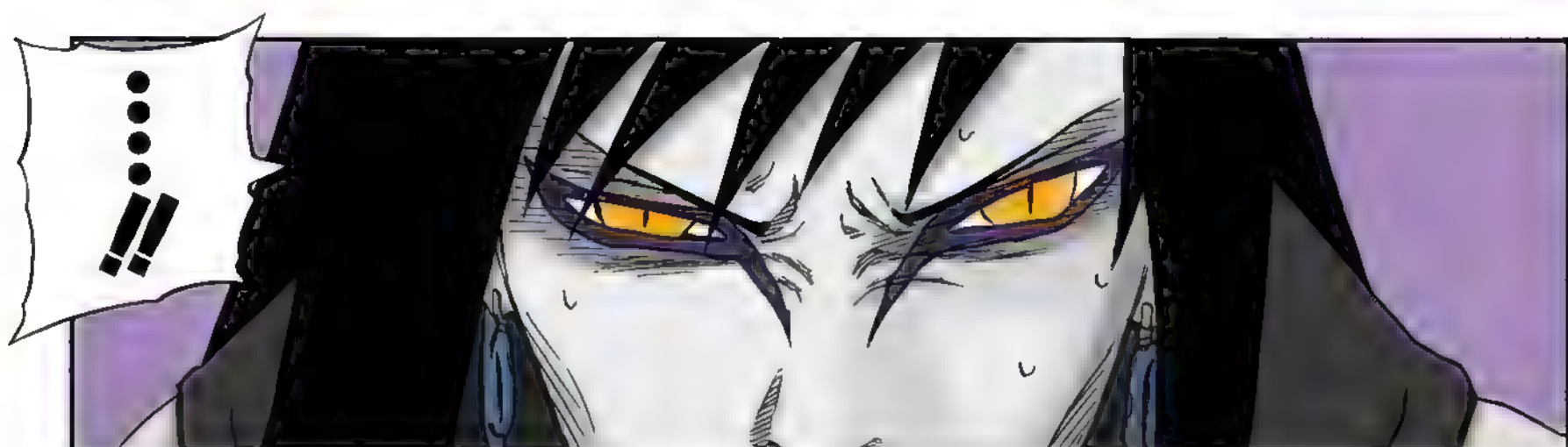
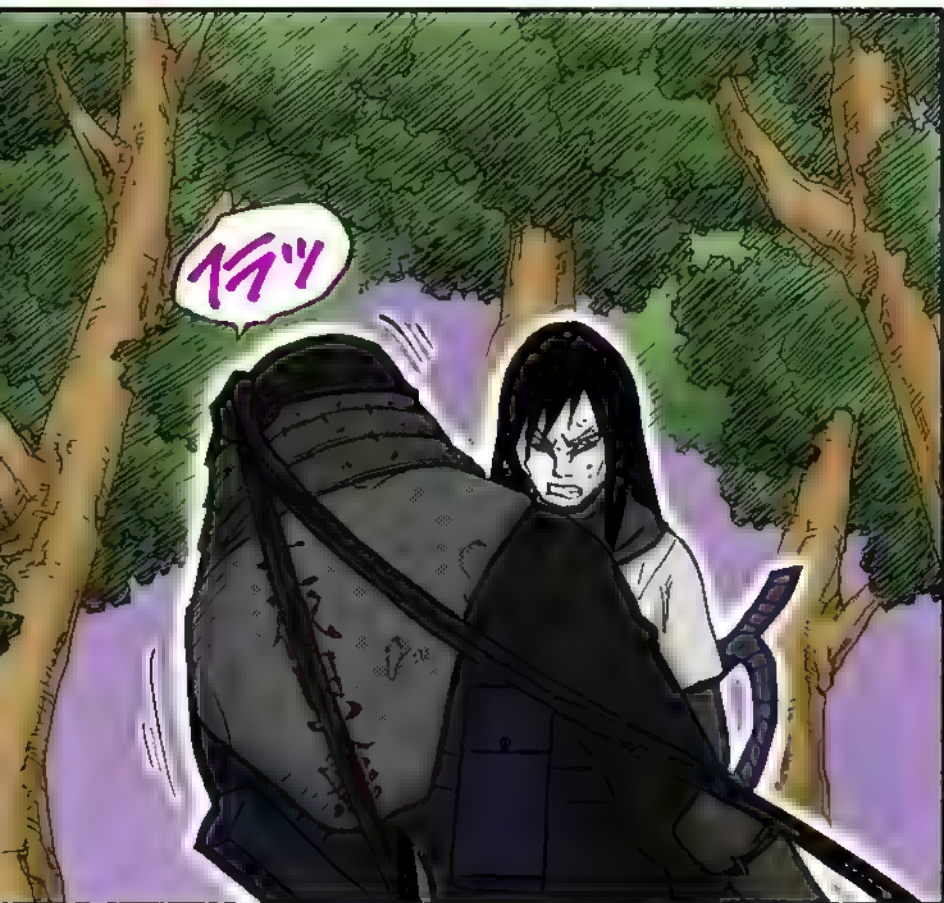
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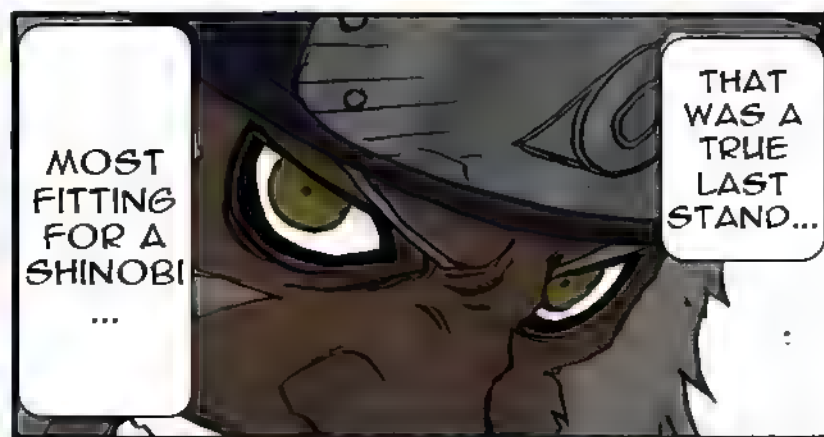
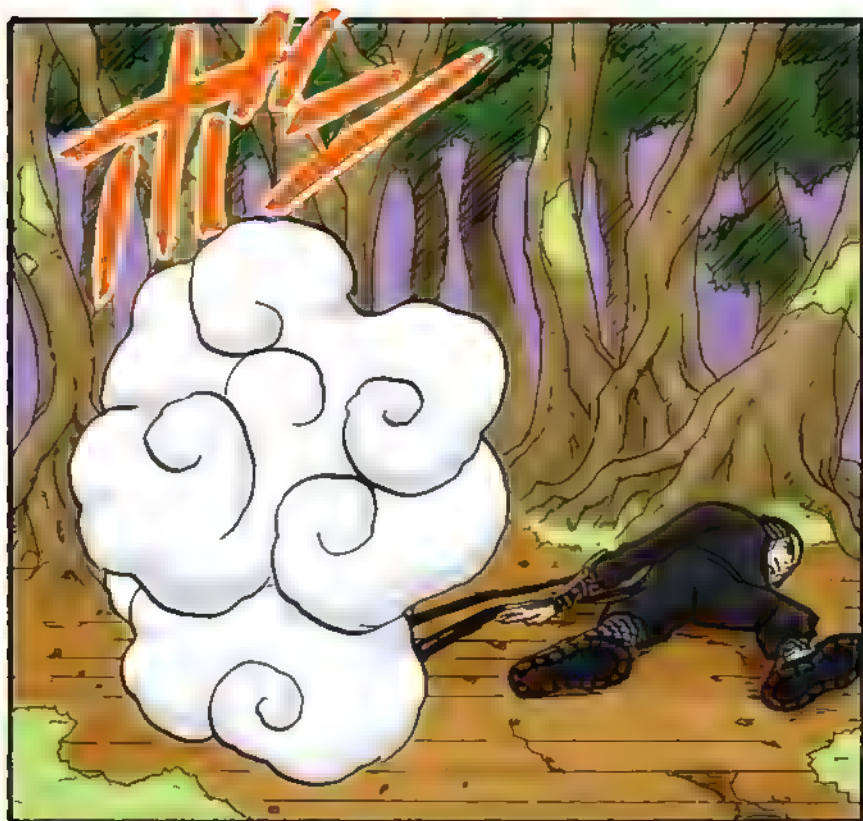
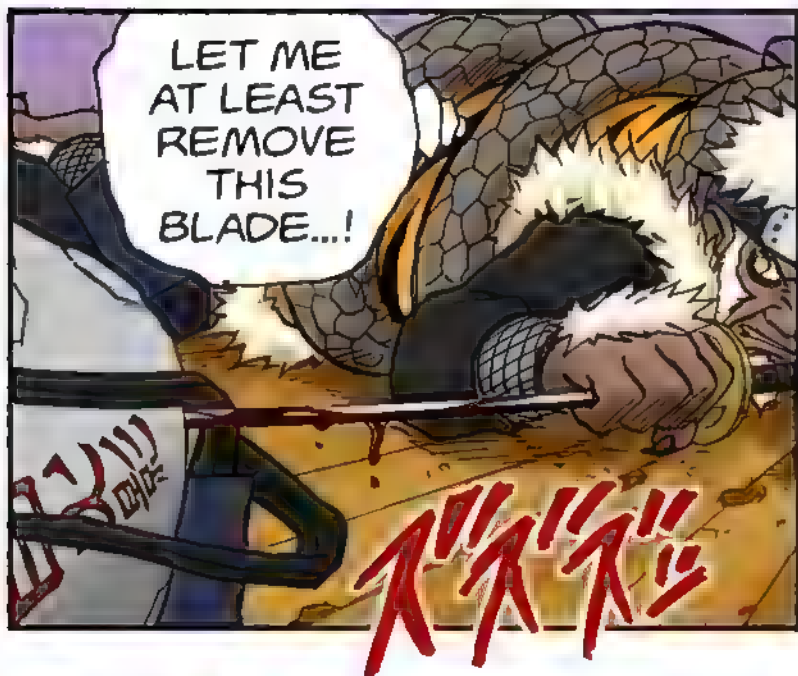
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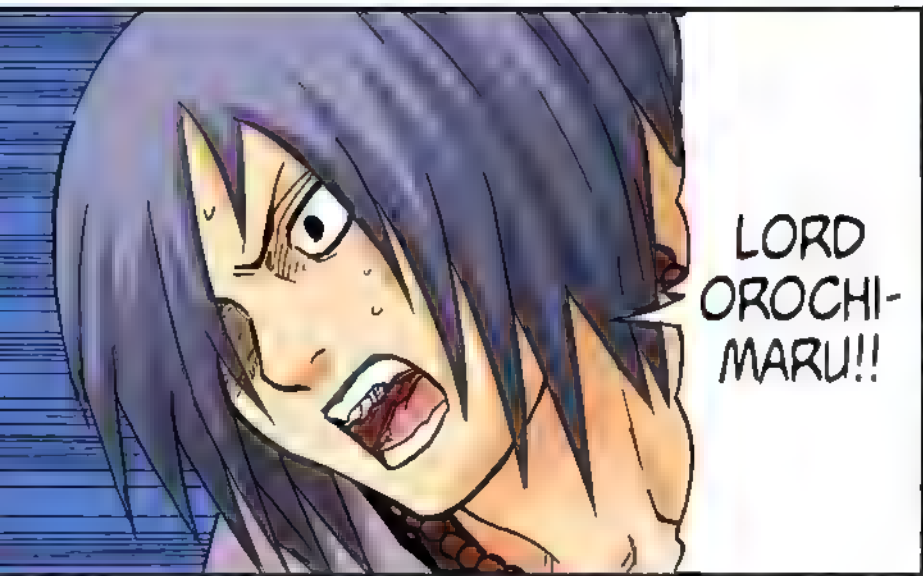
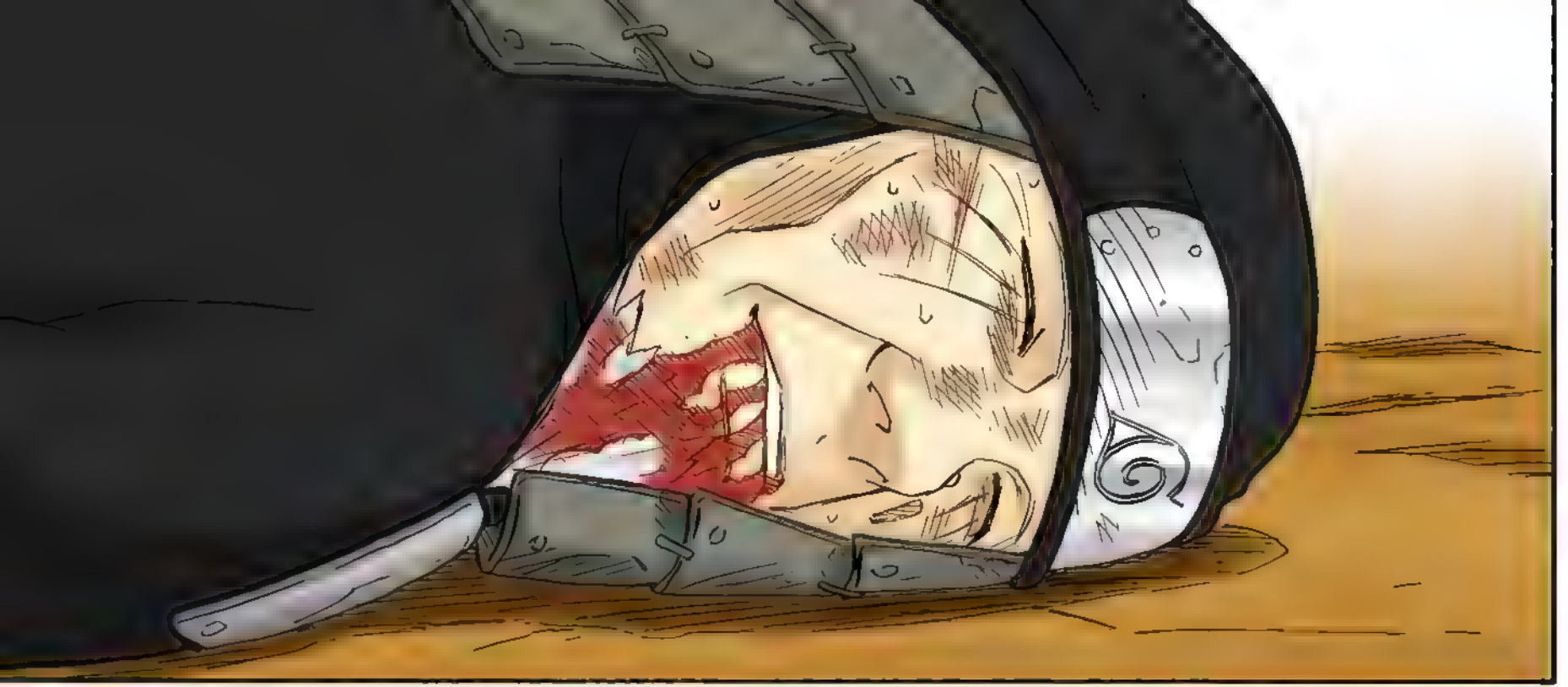


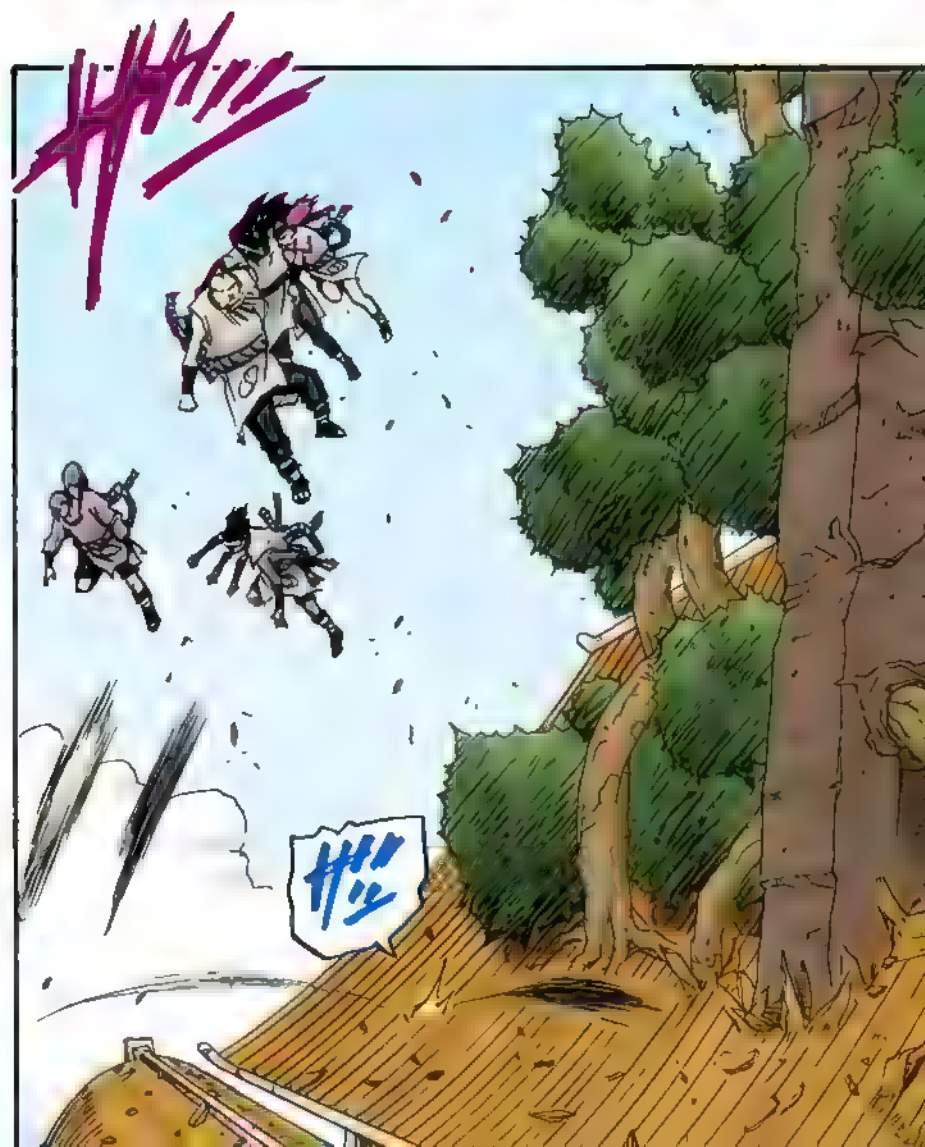
OPERATION DESTROY KONOHA, TERMINATED!!









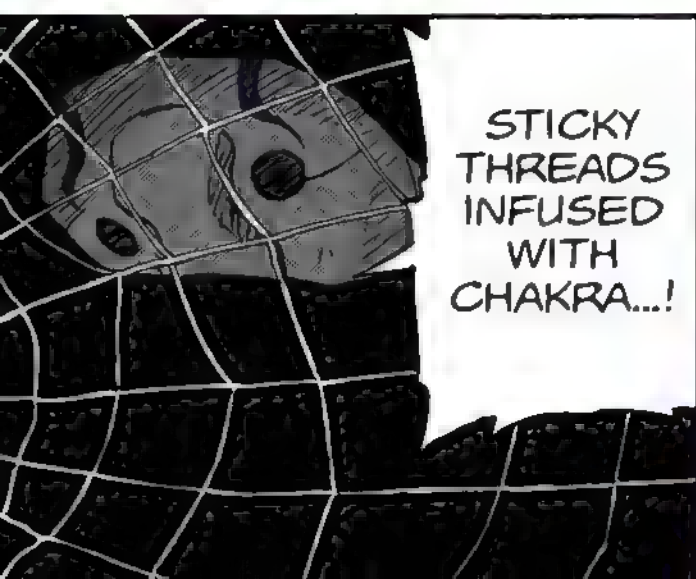




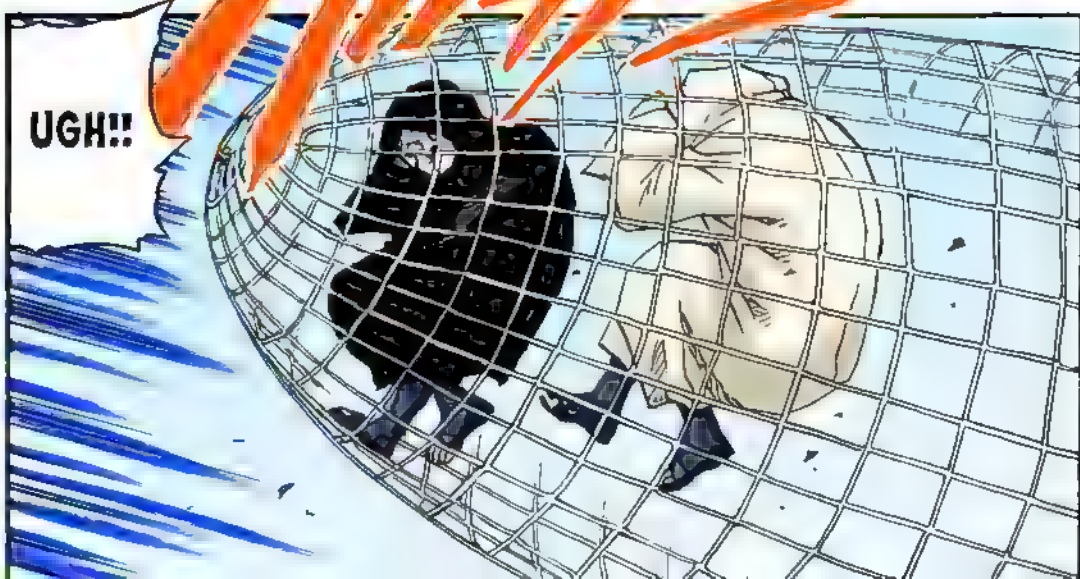
NINJA
ART!



KUMOSHIBARI!
SPIDER WEB
NET!!



STICKY
THREADS
INFUSED
WITH
CHAKRA....!



UGH!!



...WE'LL ONLY GET SNARED IN THE ENEMY'S TRAPS.

LET'S NOT BE HASTY. IF WE RUSH IN...



KAKASHI! THEY'RE ON THE MOVE.

NO, WAIT, GUY!

SHOULD WE CHASE AFTER THEM?!

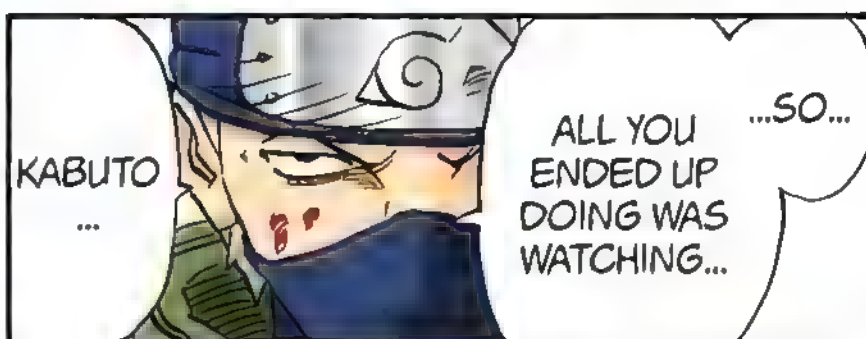


BUT WHETHER THERE ARE TRAPS WAITING OR NOT, I CAN'T LET ENEMIES GET AWAY... IT'S JUST MY NATURE AS A KONOHA SHINOBI.

I'M WELL AWARE OF THAT.



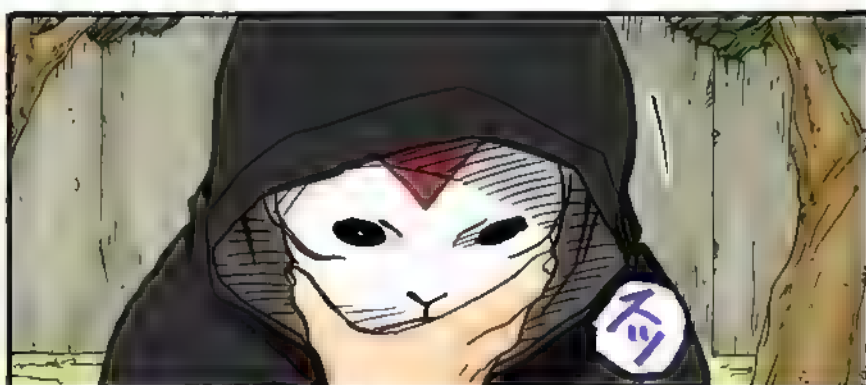
SO YOU KNEW...



KABUTO ...

ALL YOU ENDED UP DOING WAS WATCHING...

...SO...





RUNNING
AWAY
FROM ME
AGAIN?

I NO
LONGER
WISH TO
SHOW YOU
MY JUTSU
SO YOU CAN
JUST COPY
IT.

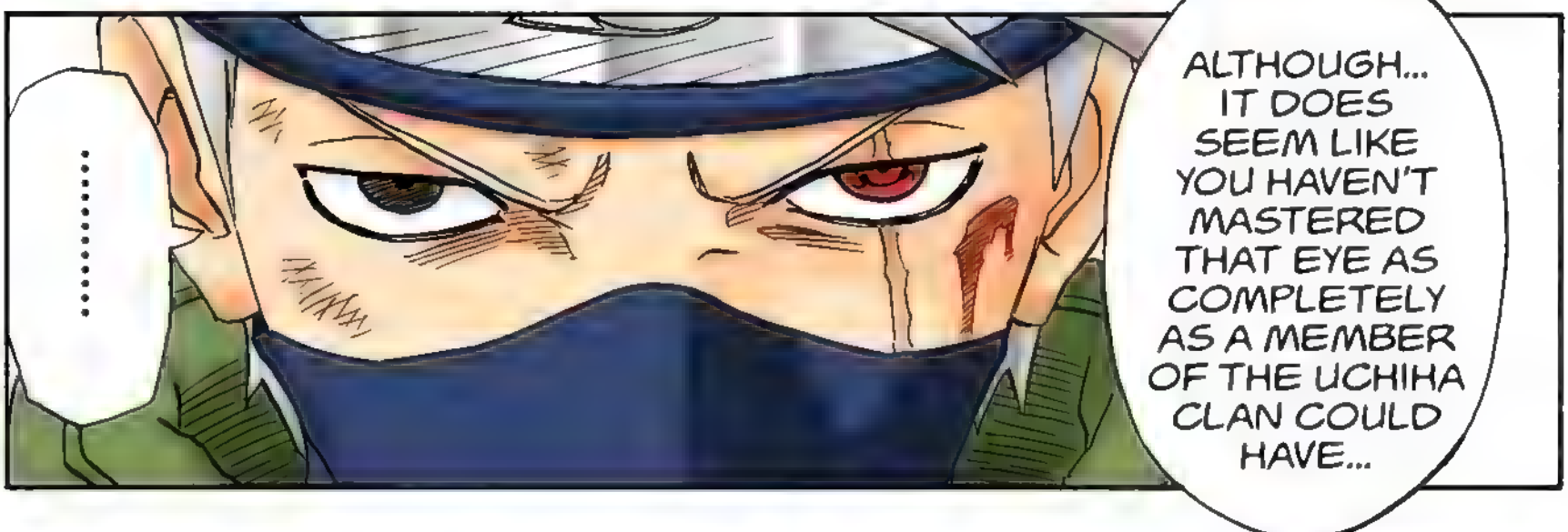
FOR
NOW,
YES...



I THINK
WE
SHOULD
RETREAT
...

SO
WHAT'S
THE
PLAN?

HEY...

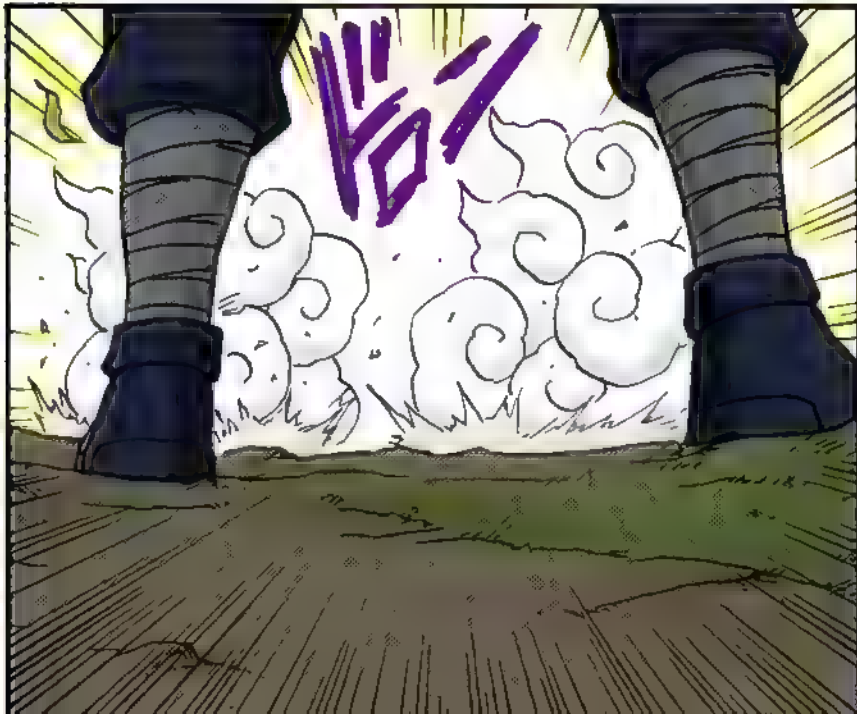


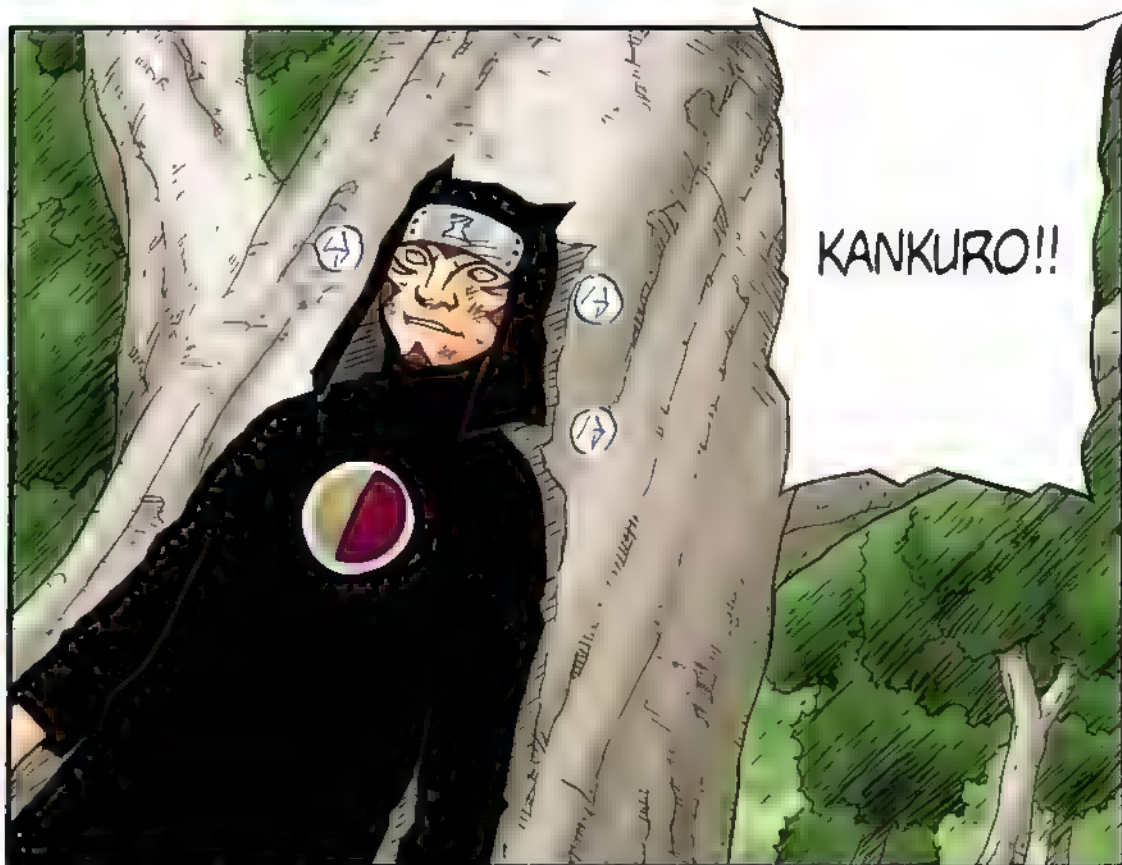
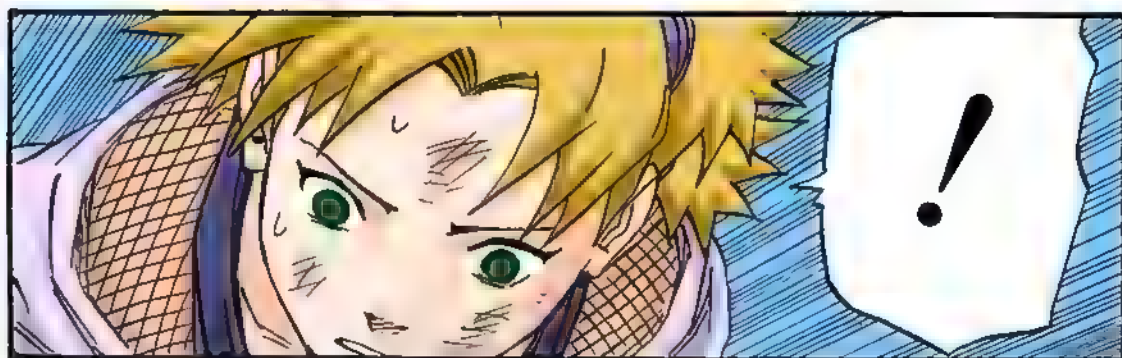
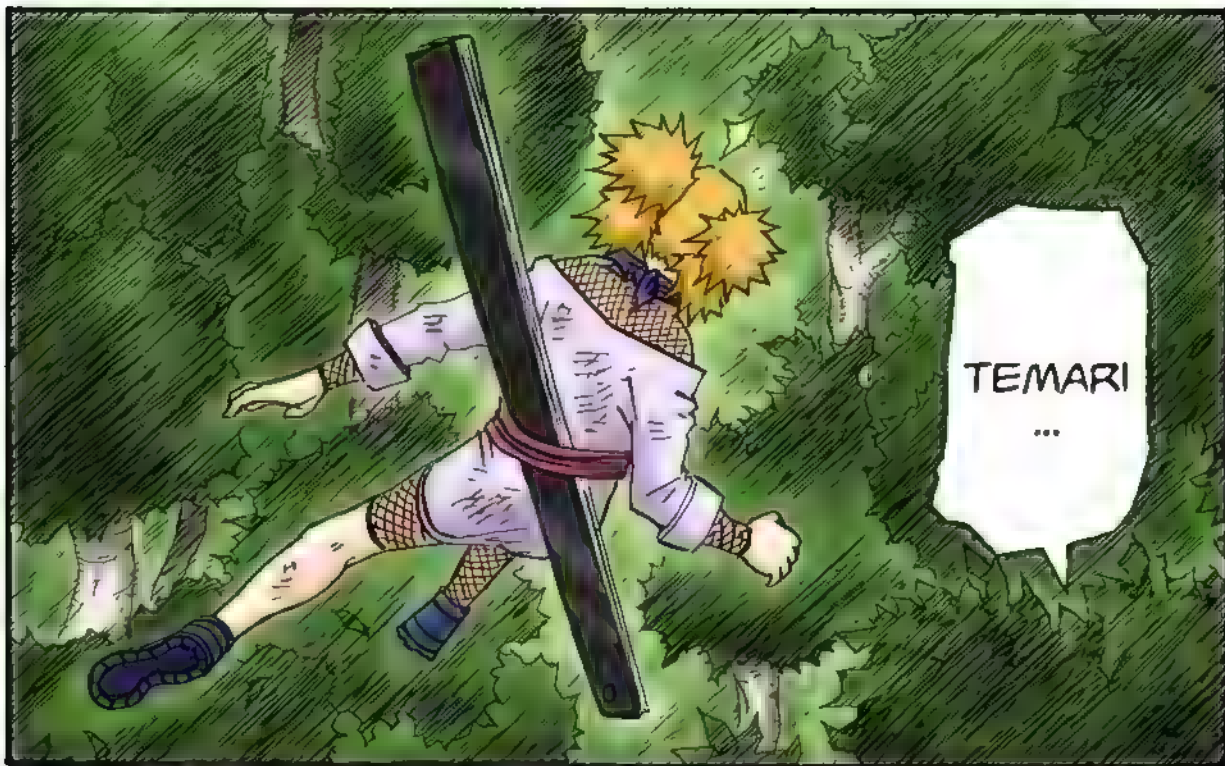
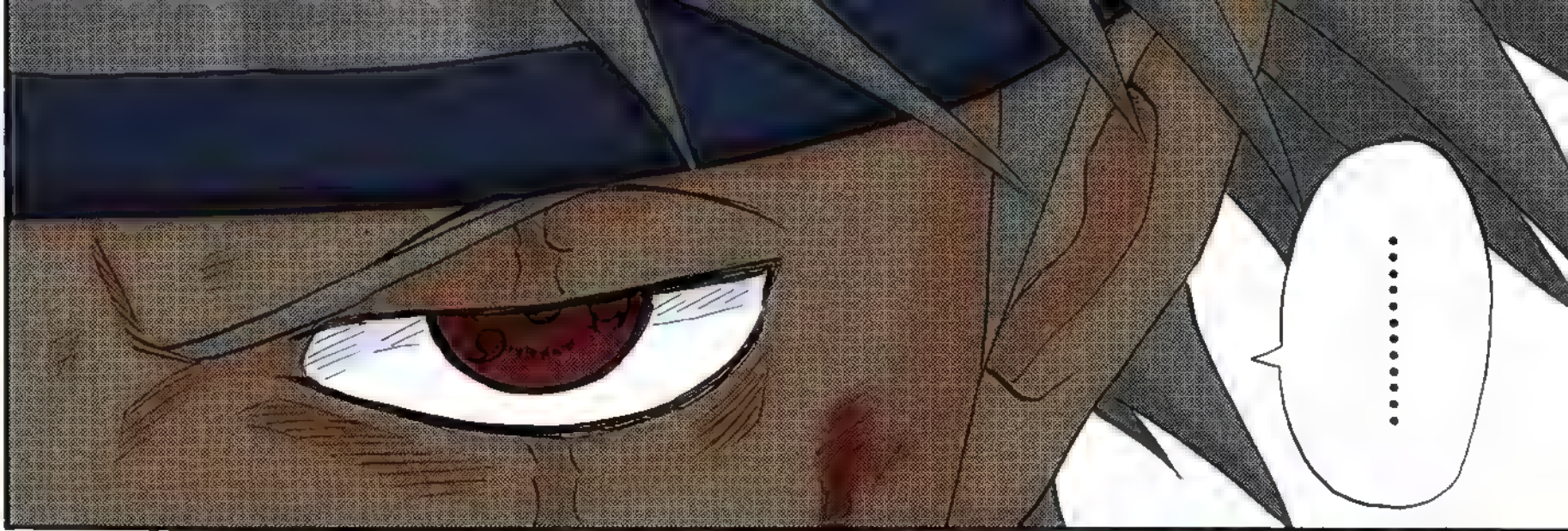
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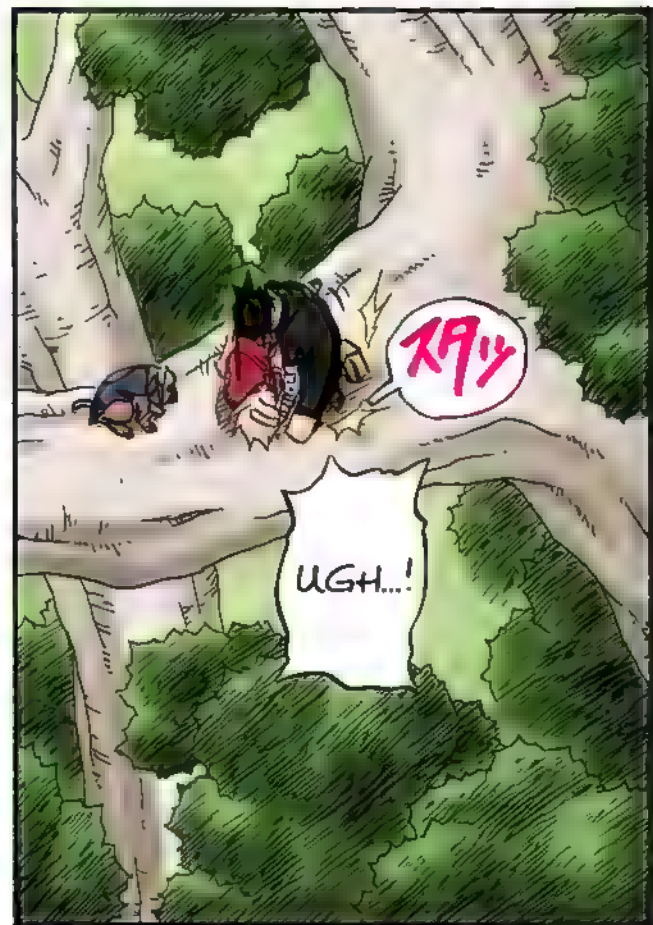
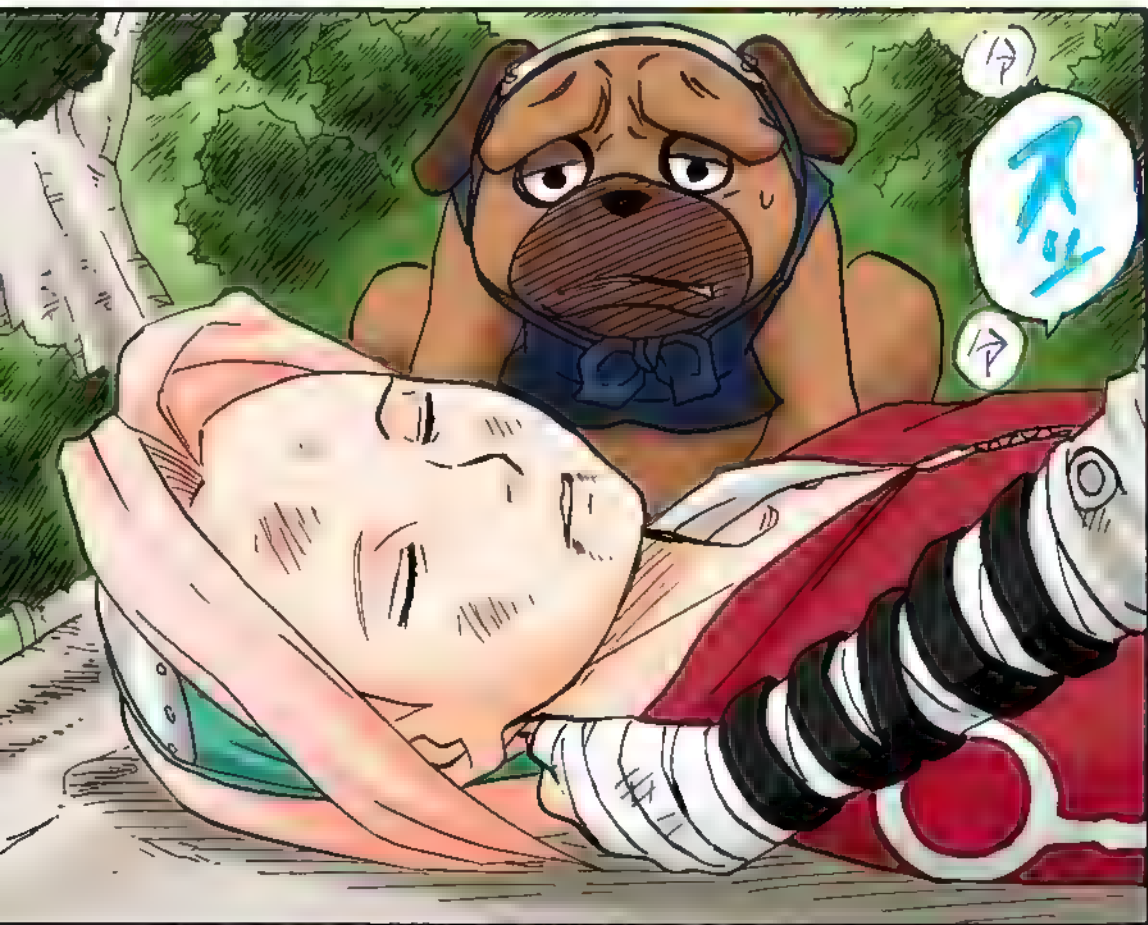
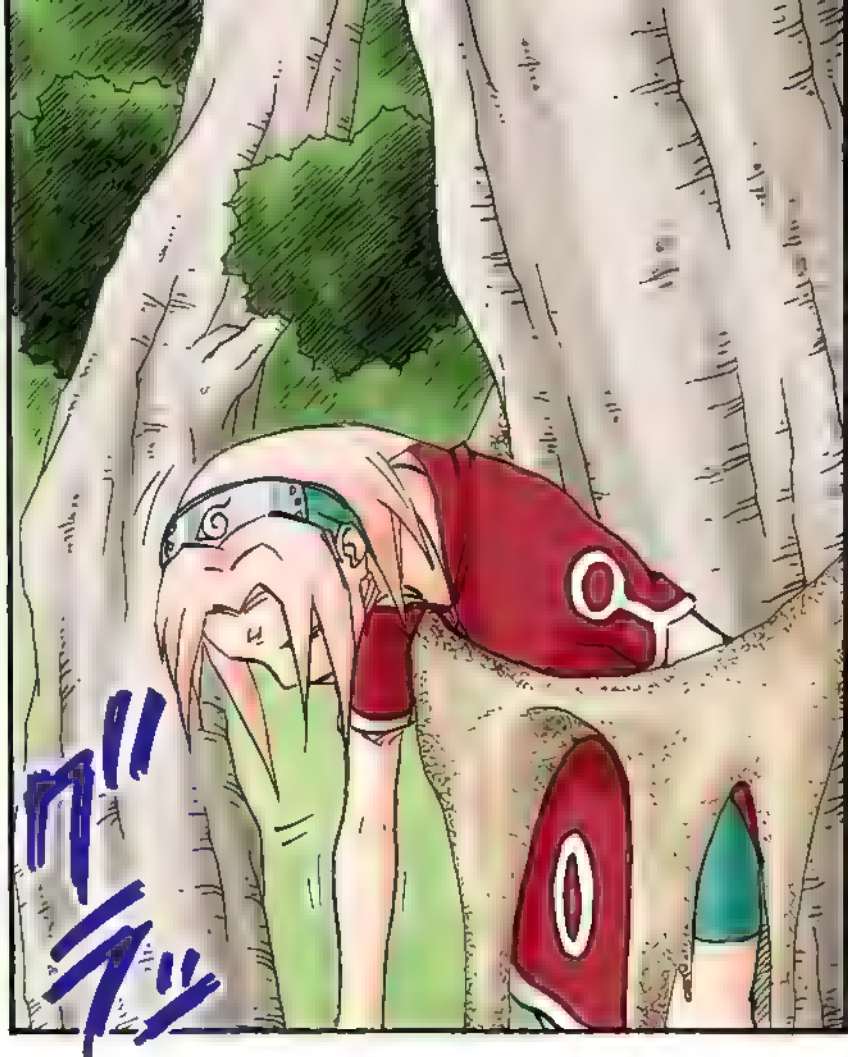
ALTHOUGH...
IT DOES
SEEM LIKE
YOU HAVEN'T
MASTERED
THAT EYE AS
COMPLETELY
AS A MEMBER
OF THE UCHIHA
CLAN COULD
HAVE...

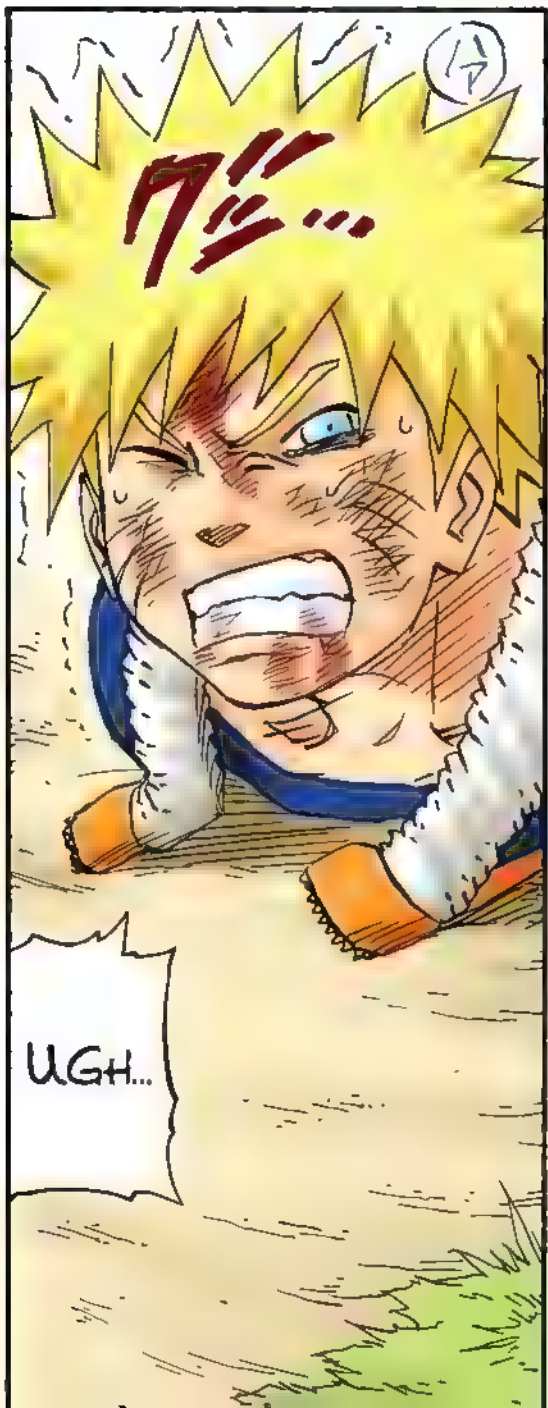
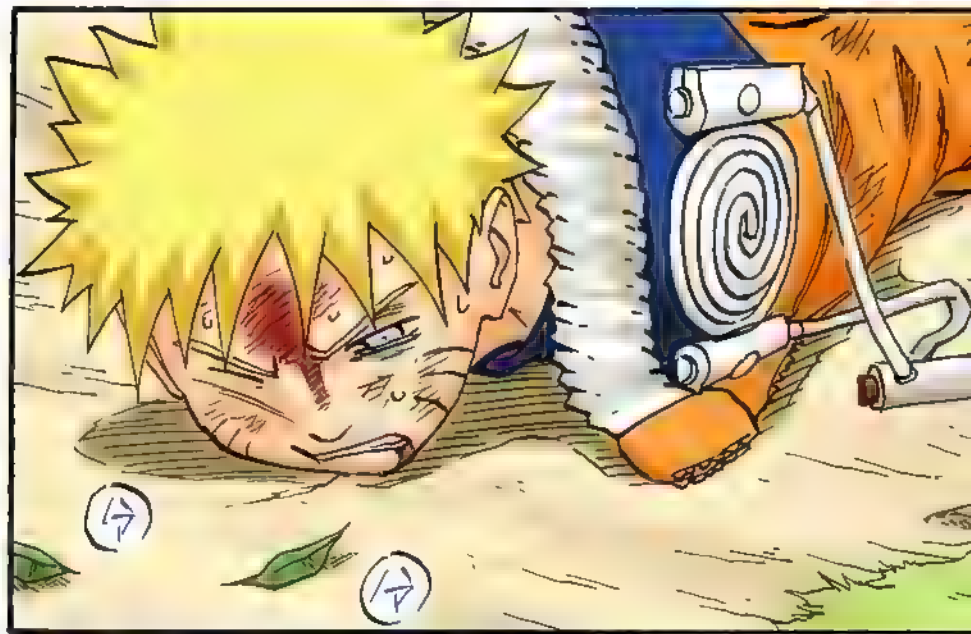
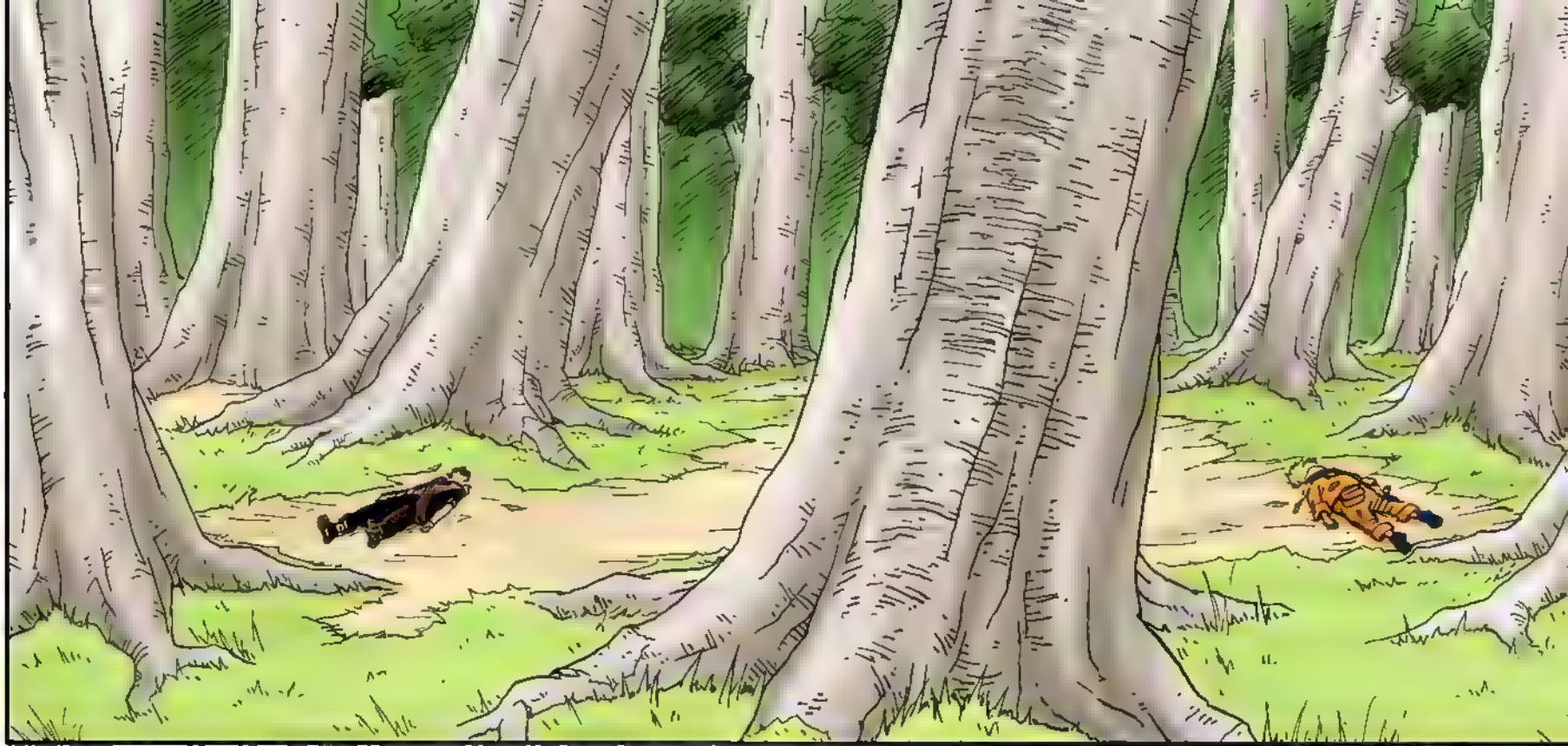


WELL
THEN.











WHOA!
SOMETHING
SURE IS
STINKY!



I TOLD
YOU NOT
TO TALK
TO HIM!



HE
DOESN'T
HAVE A
FAMILY!

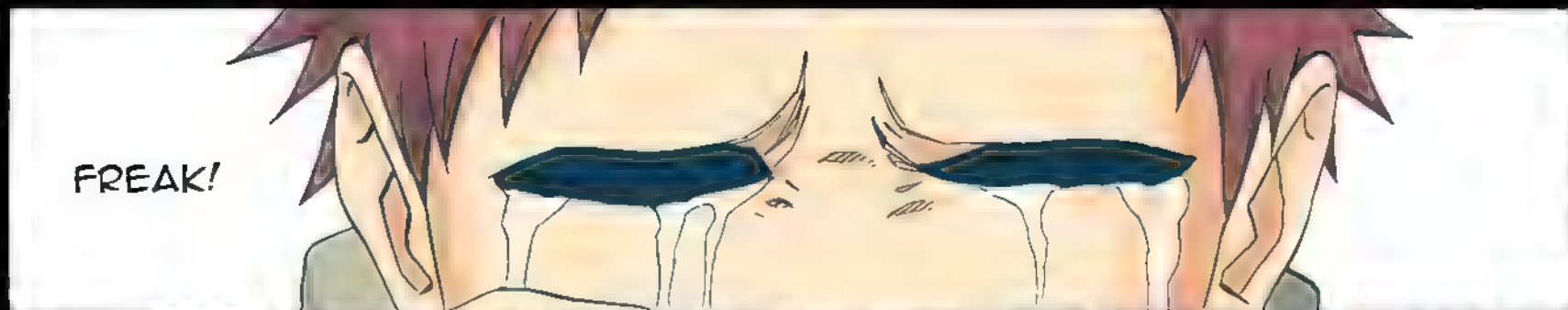
GO AWAY!

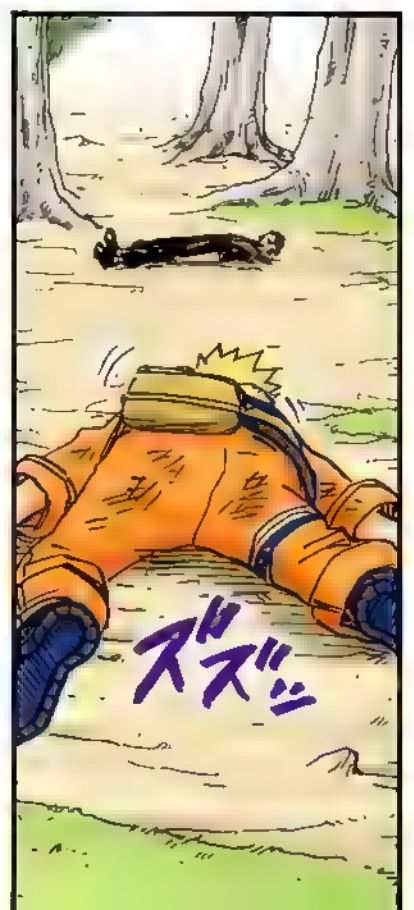
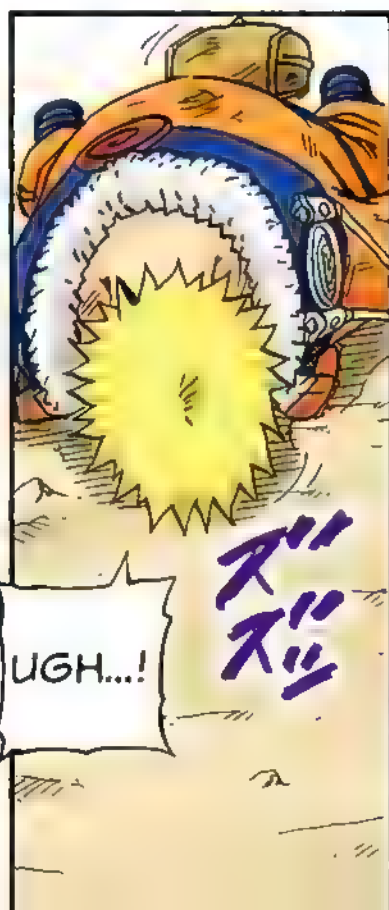
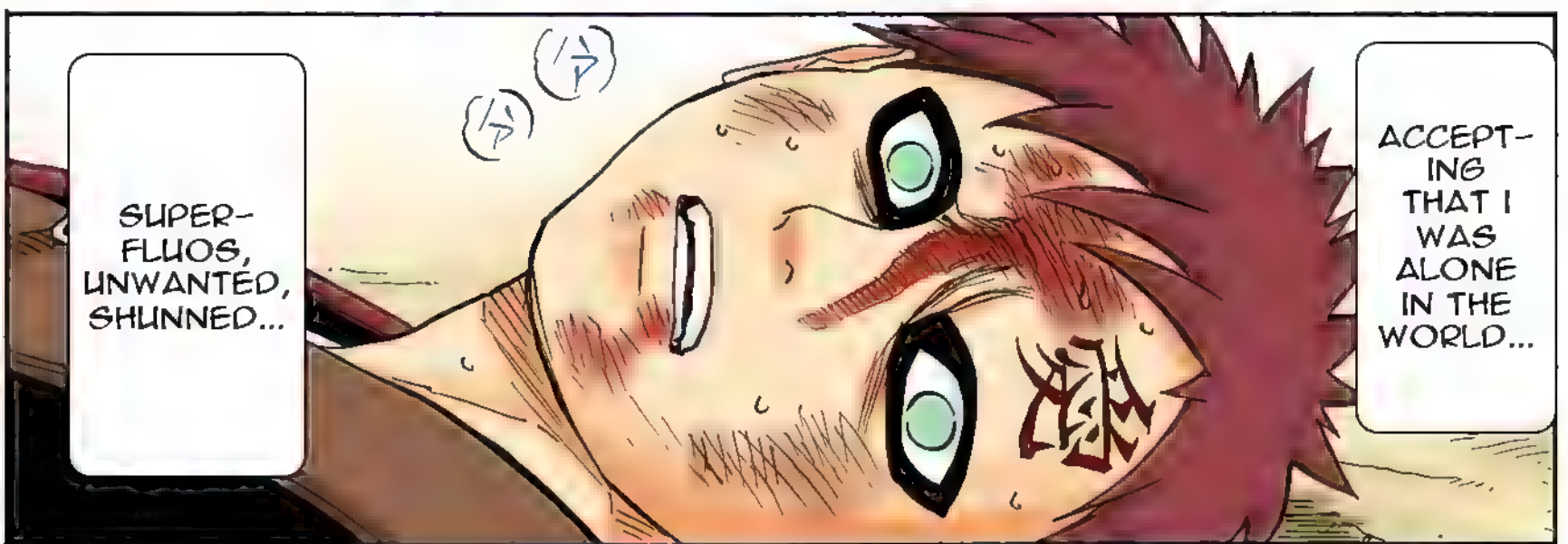
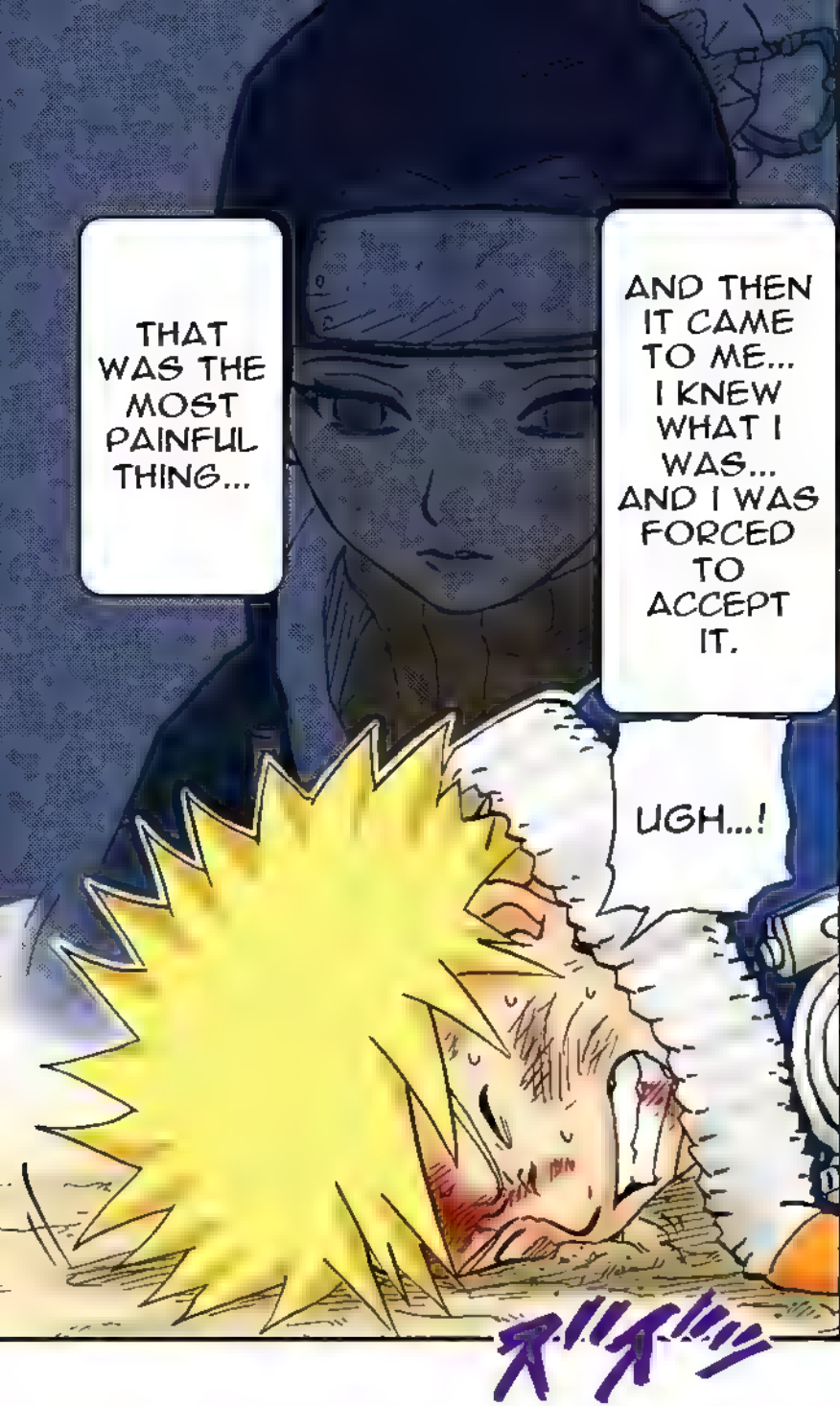
HEY!
THERE
HE IS!

SO
THAT'S
HIM,
HUH...

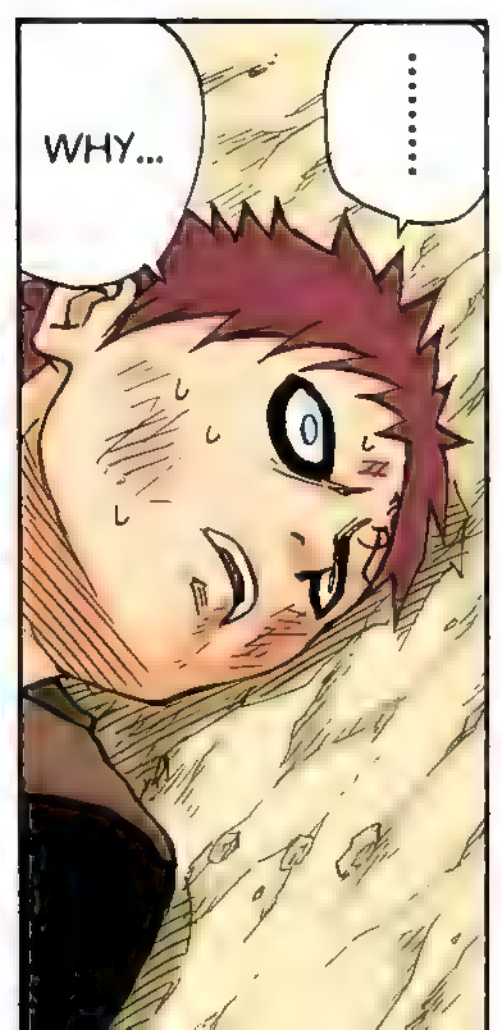
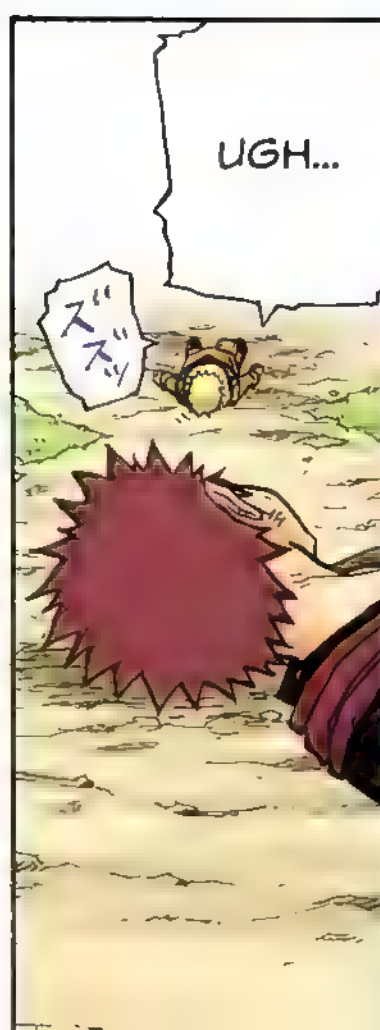
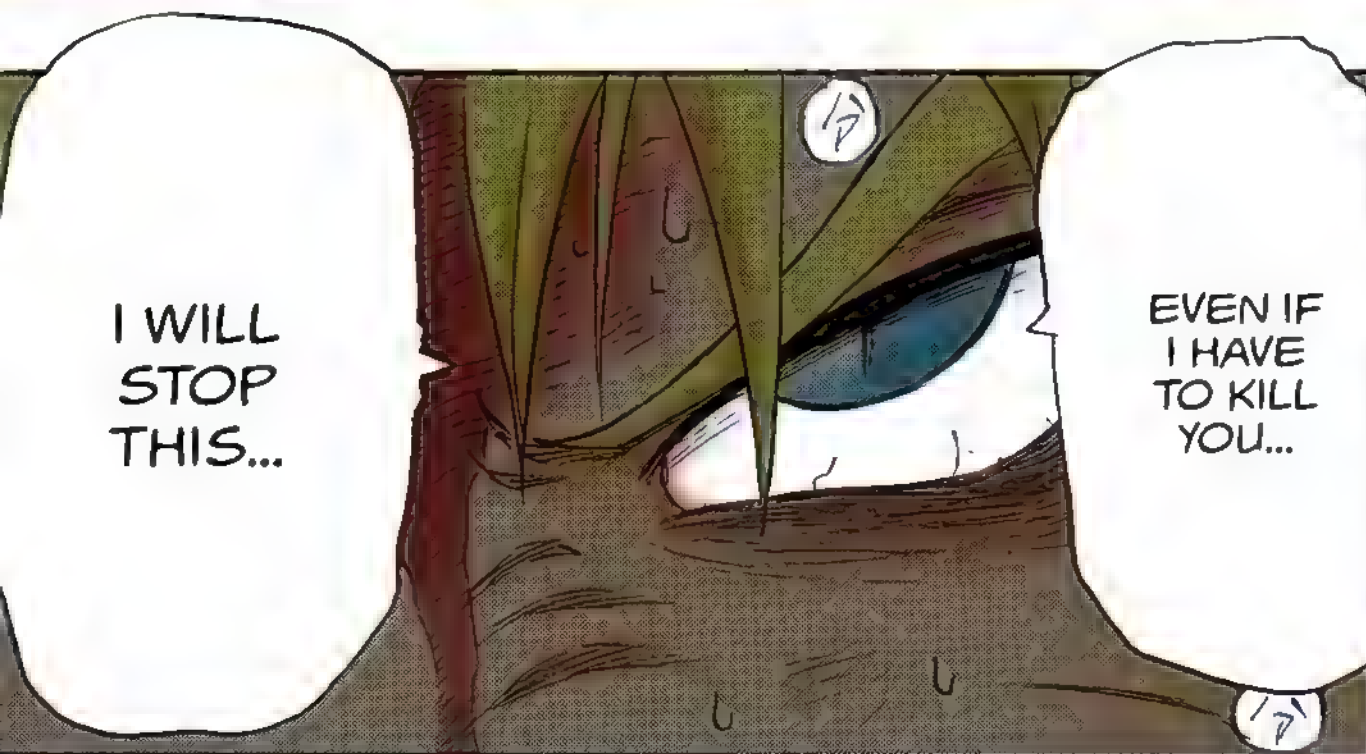


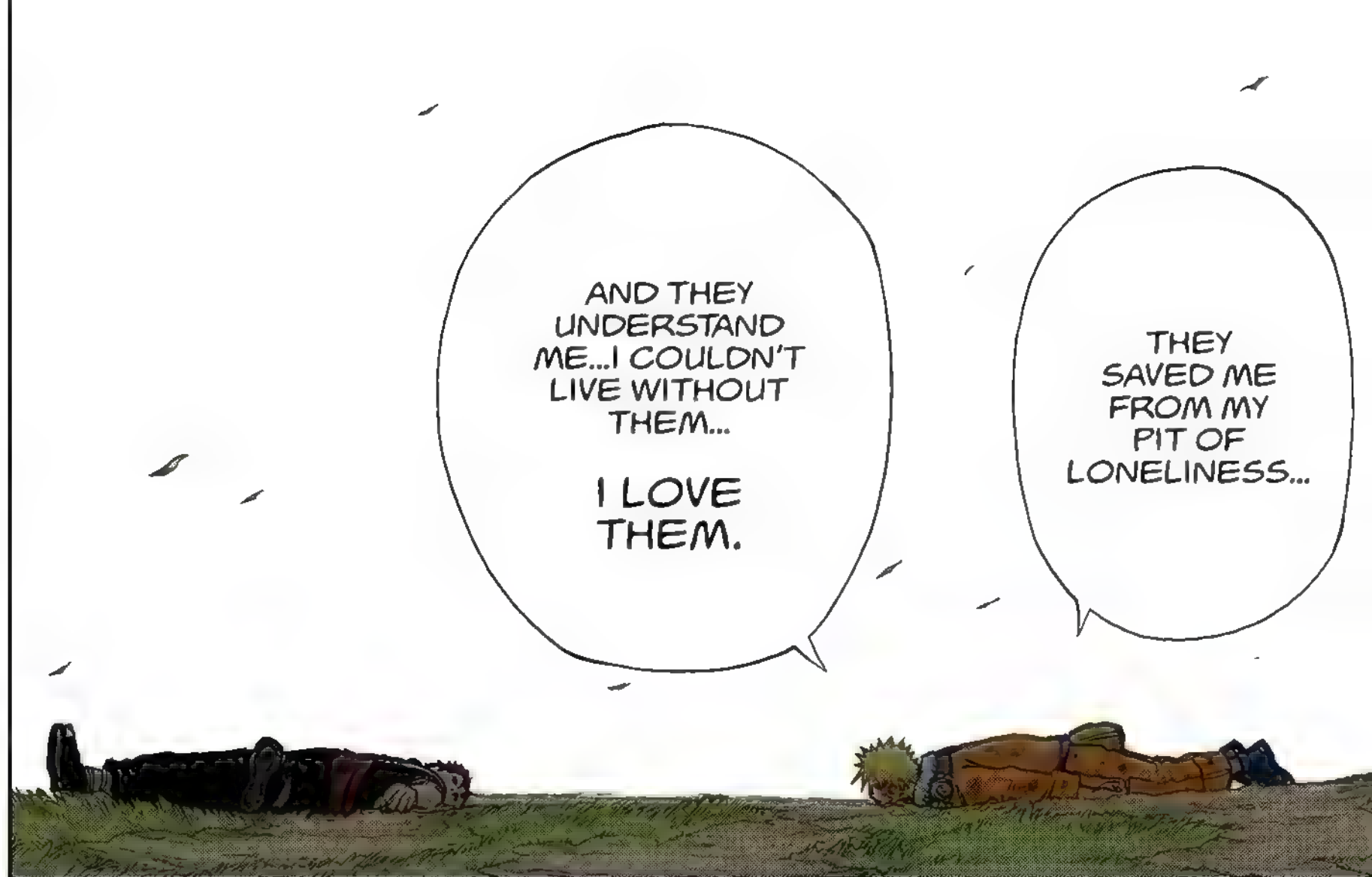
FREAK!







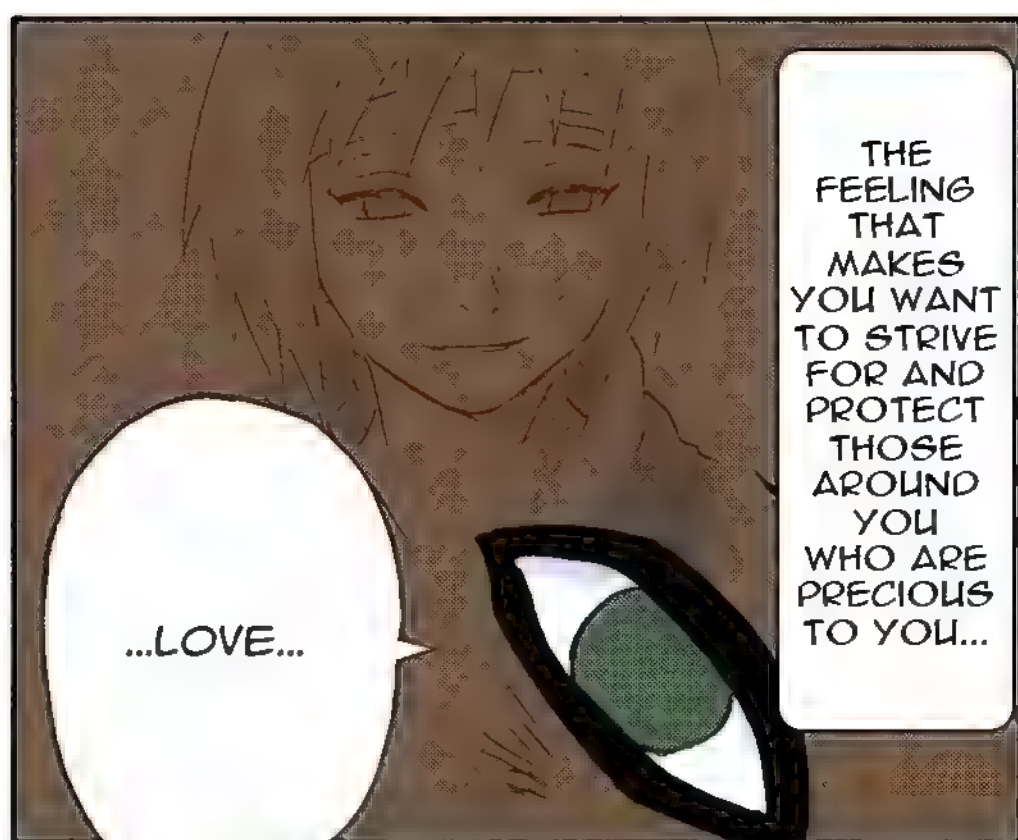




AND THEY
UNDERSTAND
ME...I COULDN'T
LIVE WITHOUT
THEM...

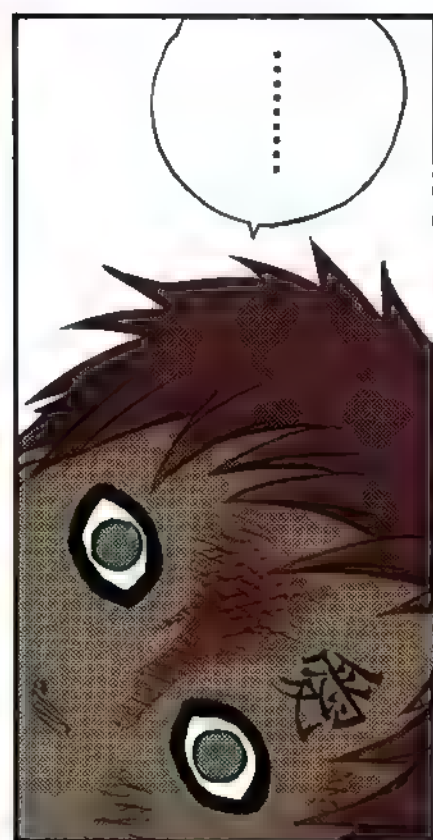
I LOVE
THEM.

THEY
SAVED ME
FROM MY
PIT OF
LONELINESS...

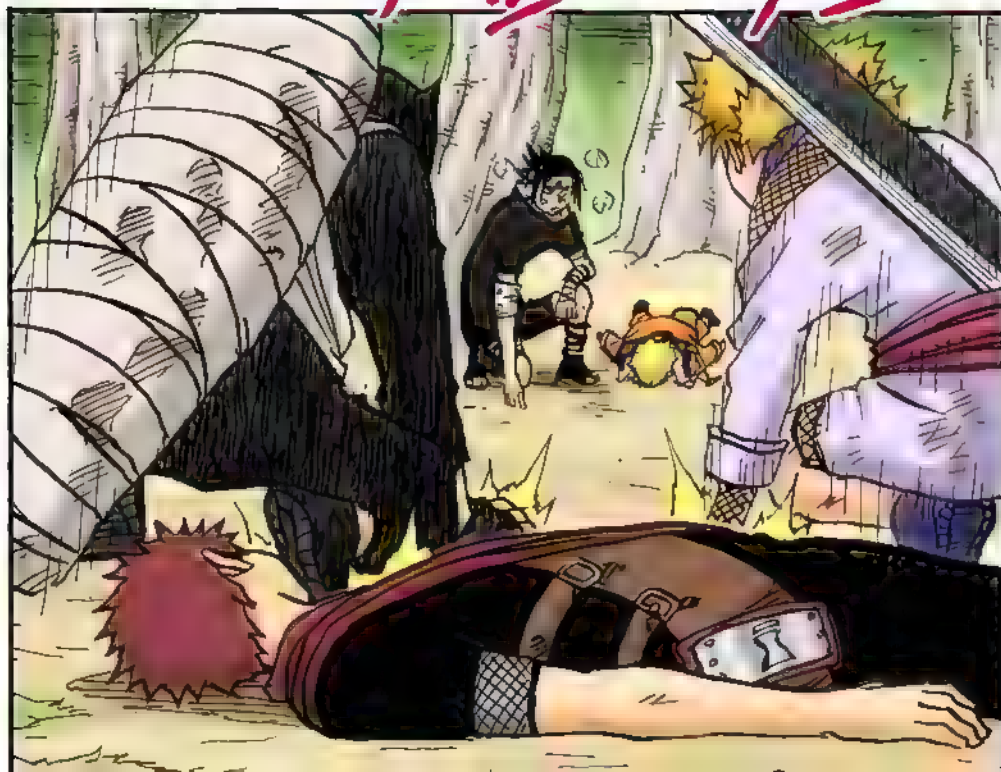
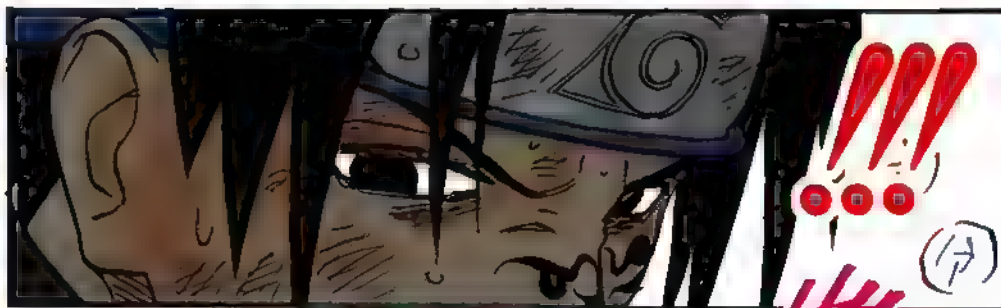
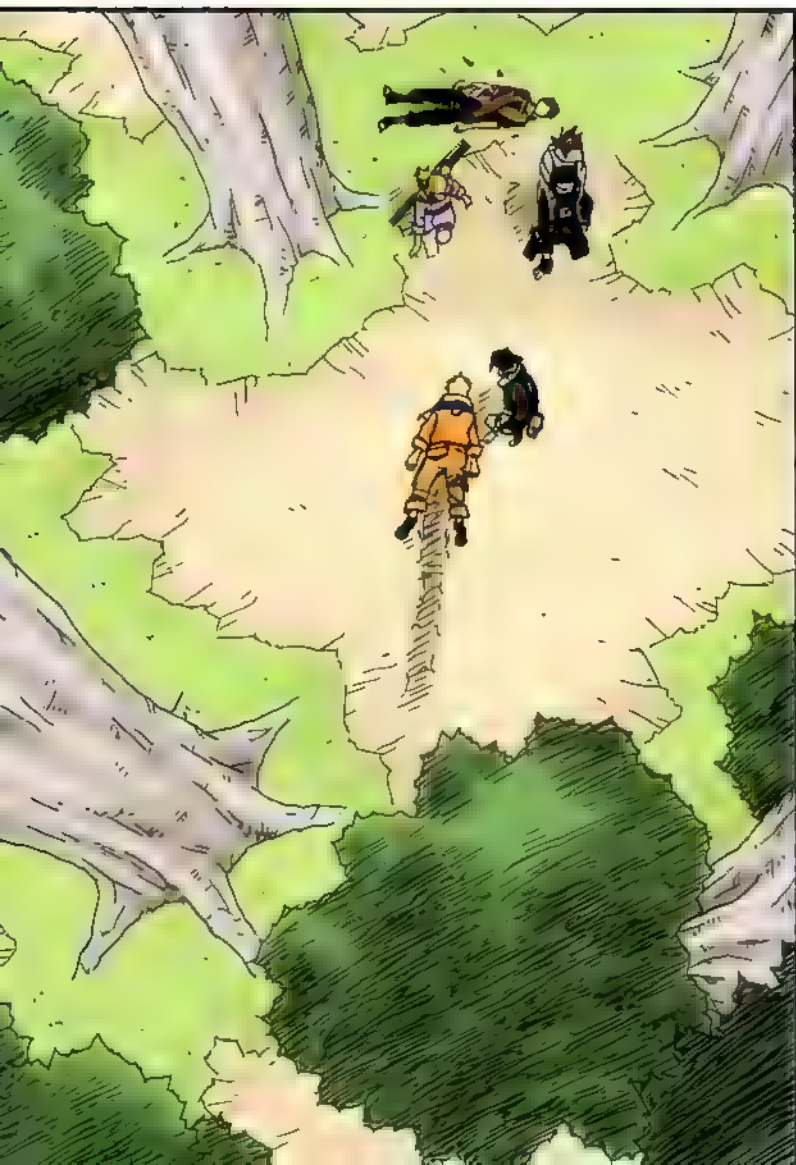
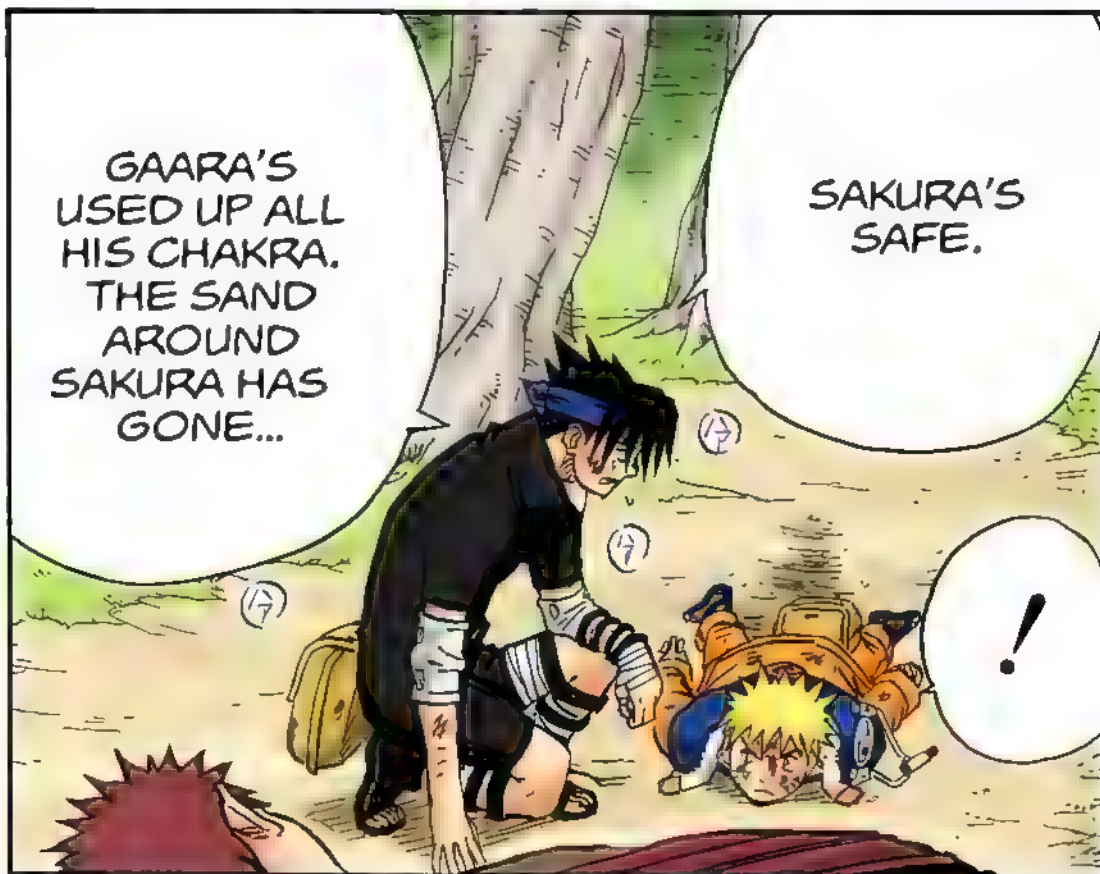


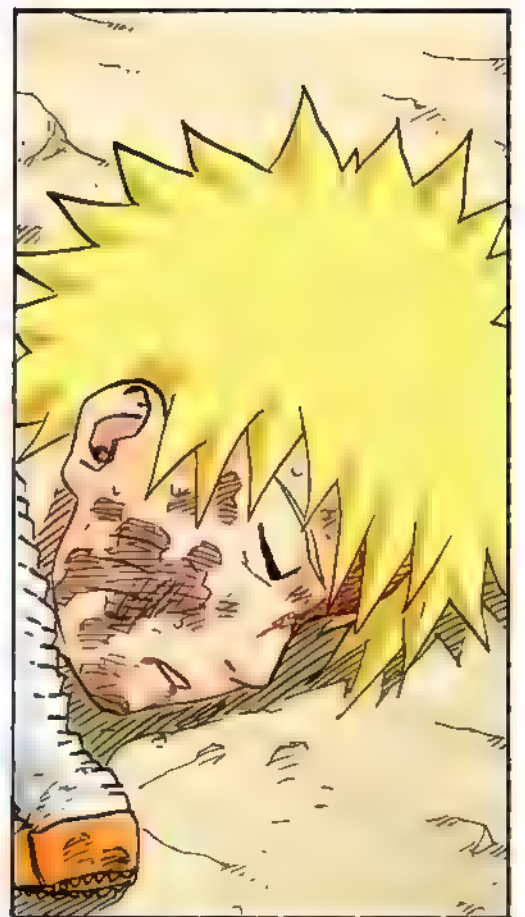
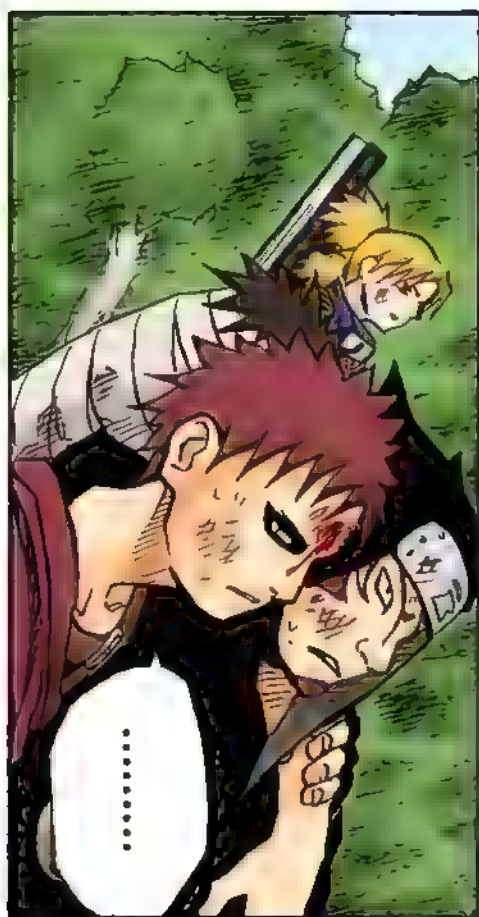
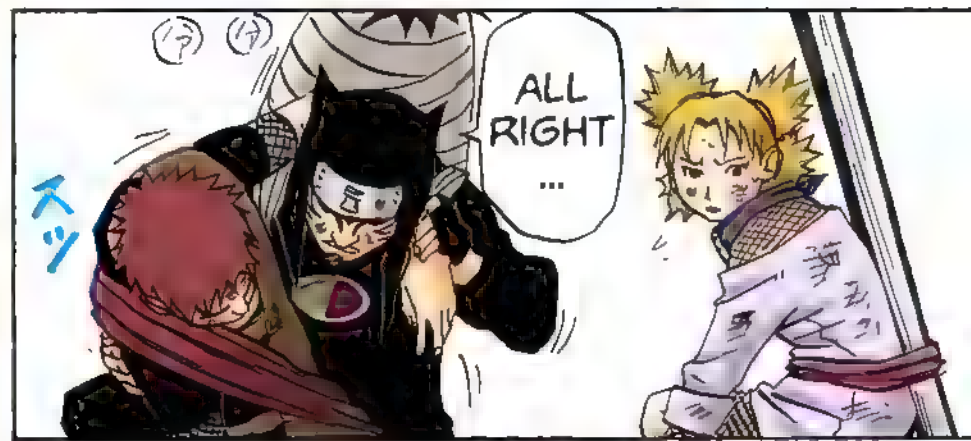
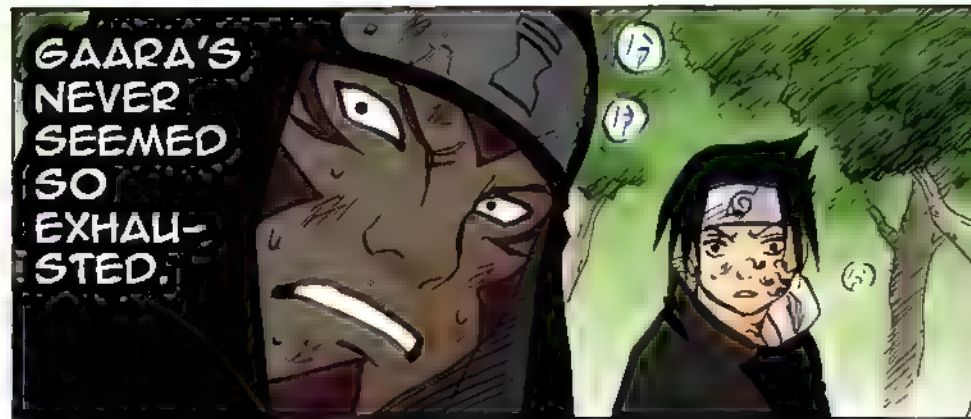
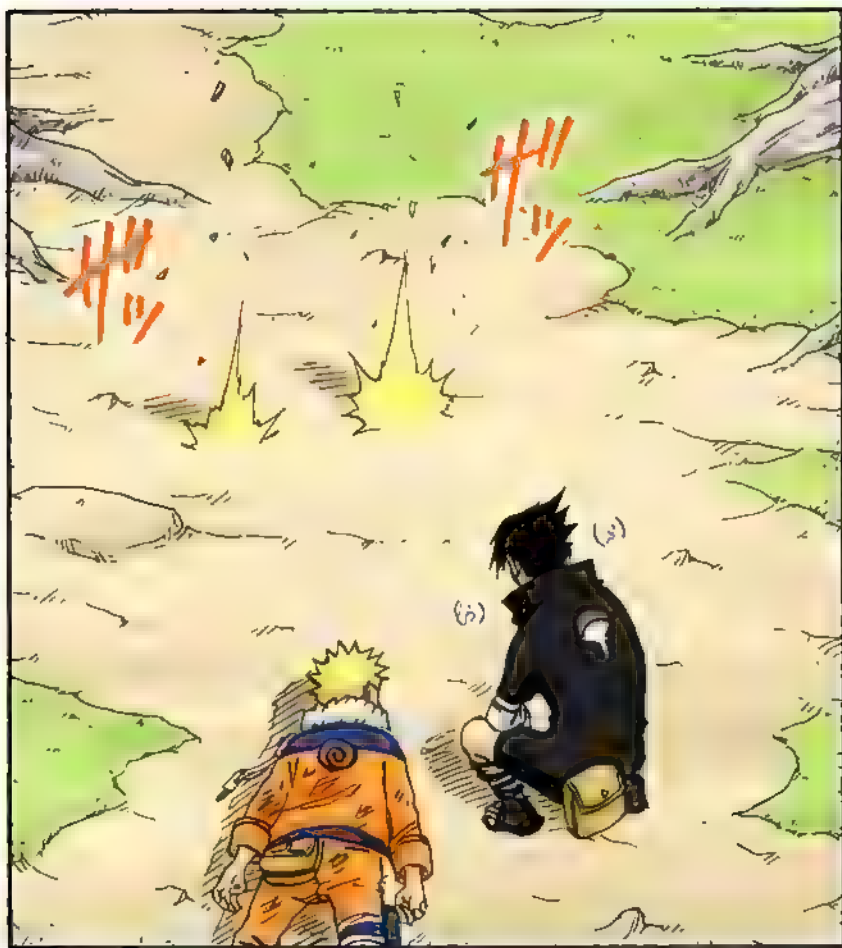
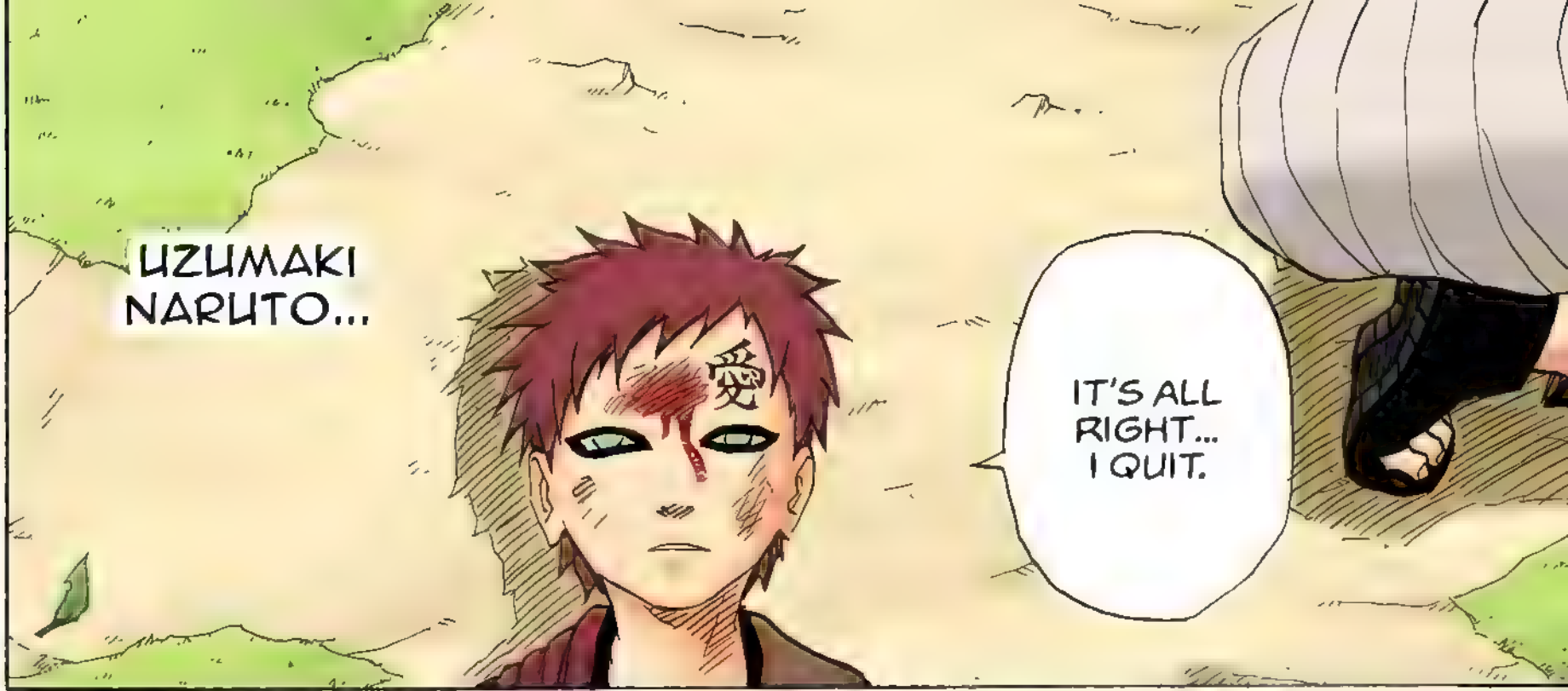
...LOVE...

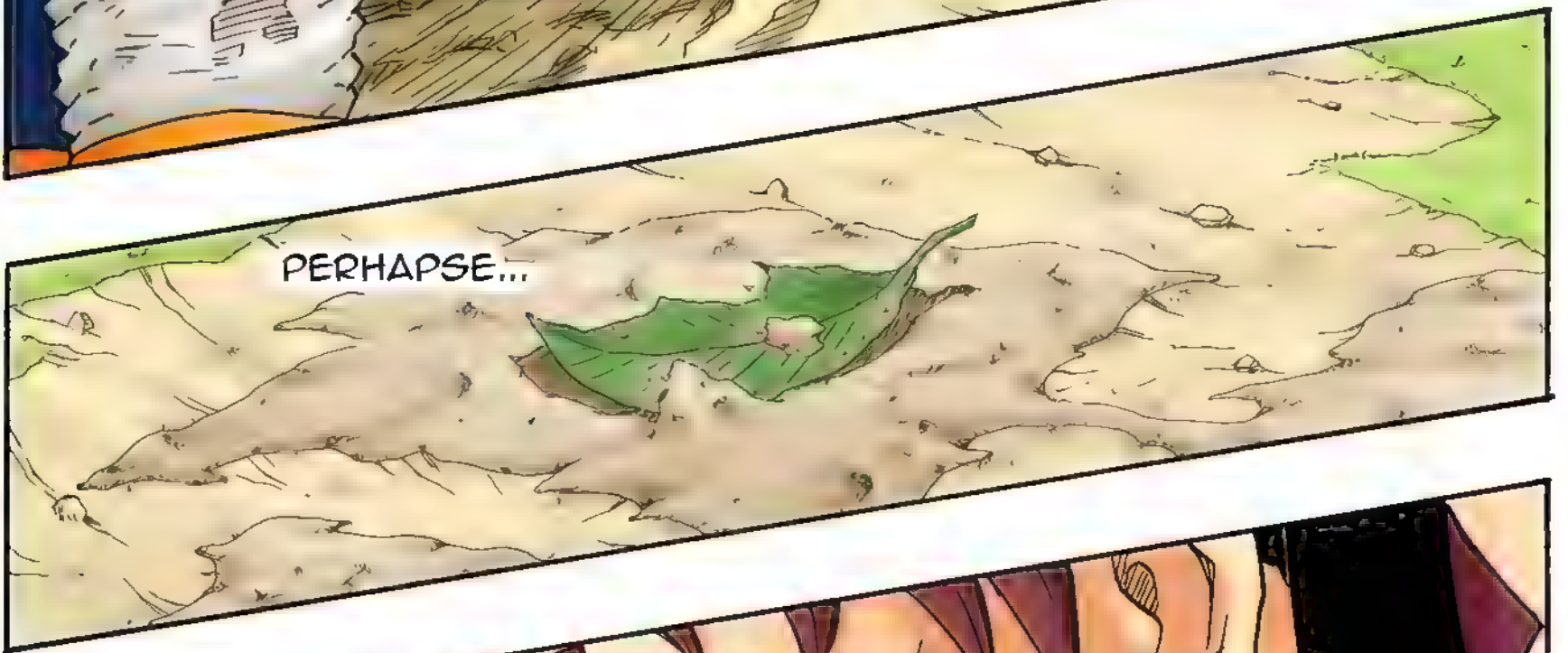
THE
FEELING
THAT
MAKES
YOU WANT
TO STRIVE
FOR AND
PROTECT
THOSE
AROUND
YOU
WHO ARE
PRECIOUS
TO YOU...



SO
THAT'S
WHY
HE'S
SO
STRONG
...





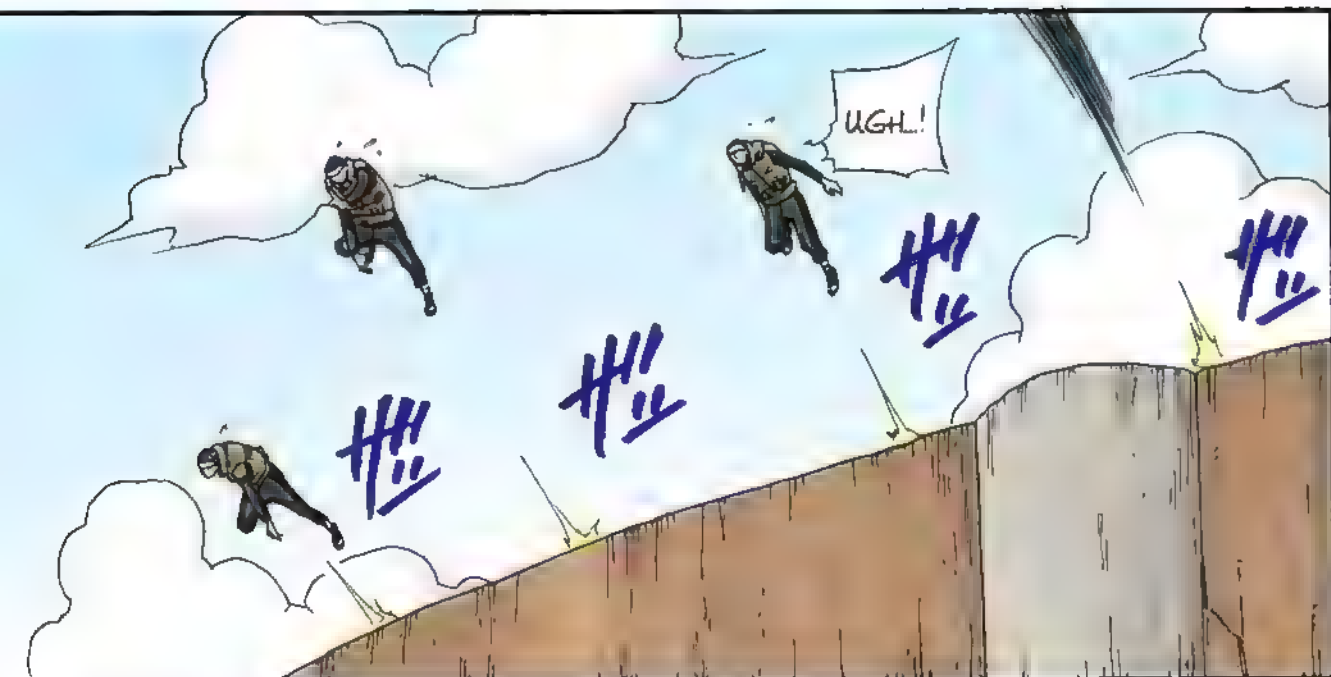
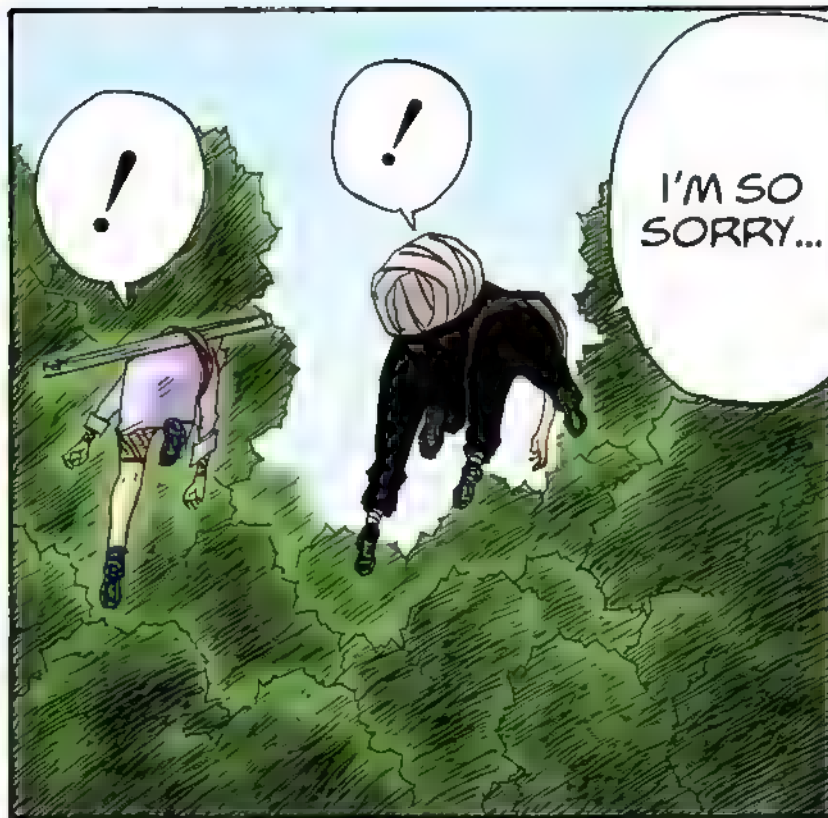
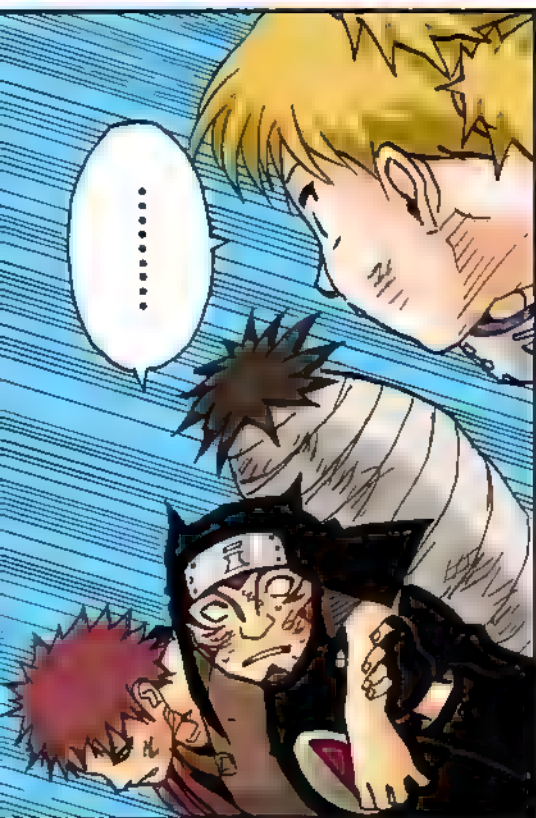


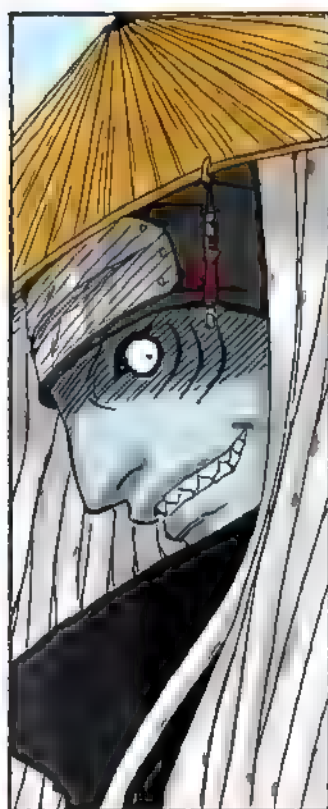
PERHAPSE...



MAYBE
SOMEDAY...







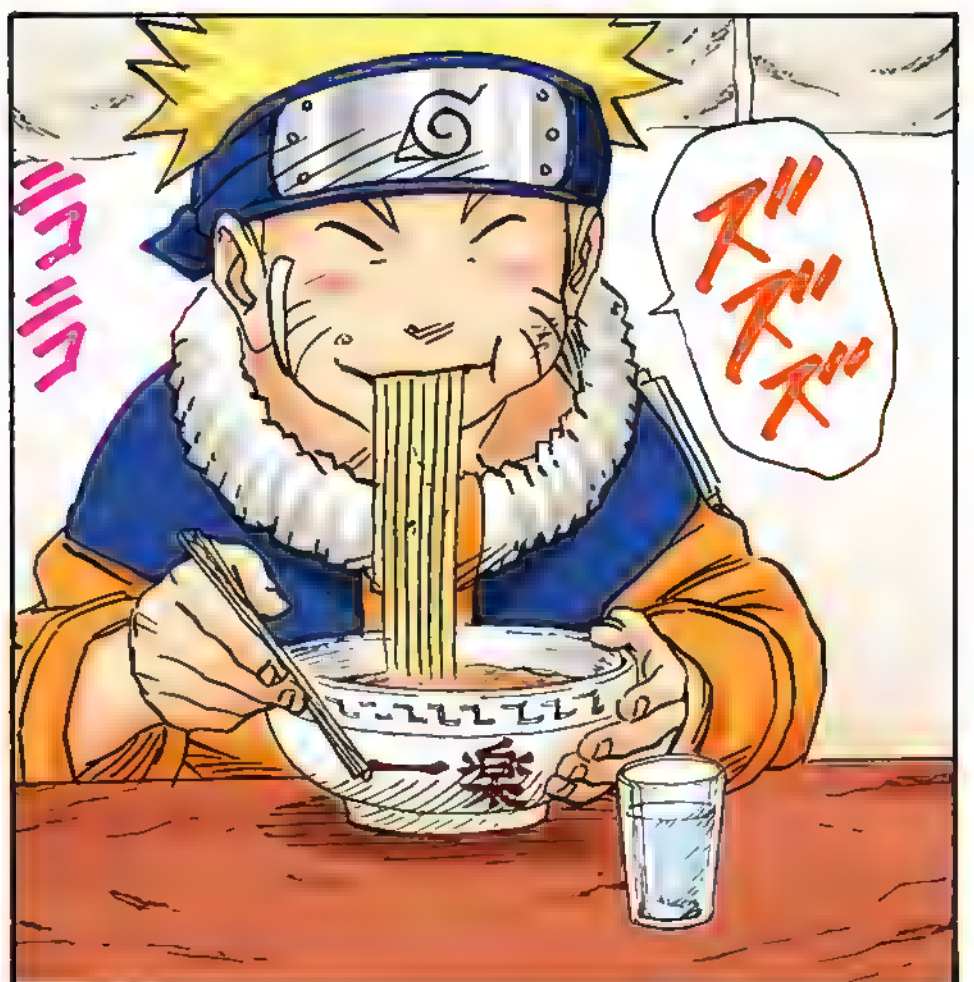
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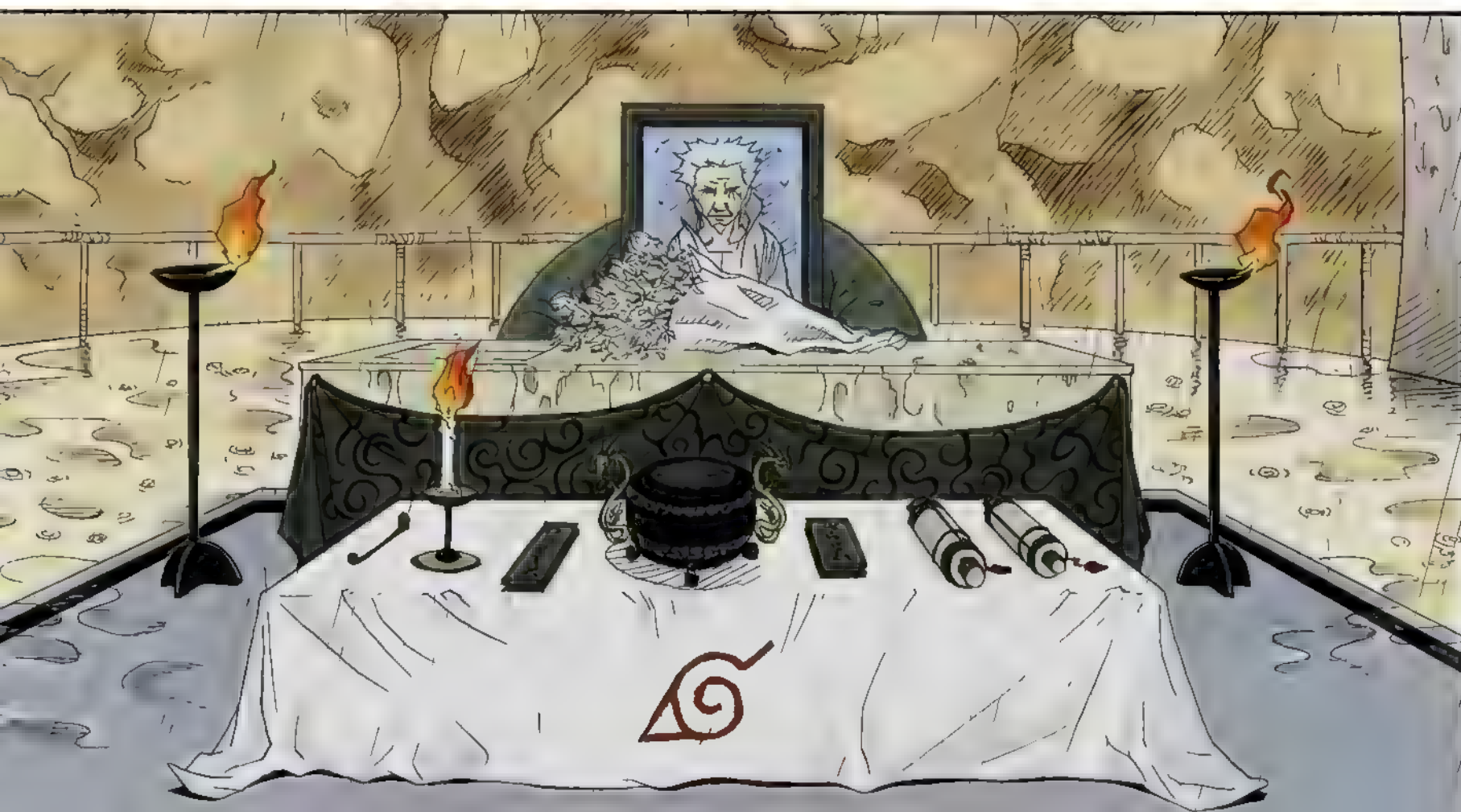
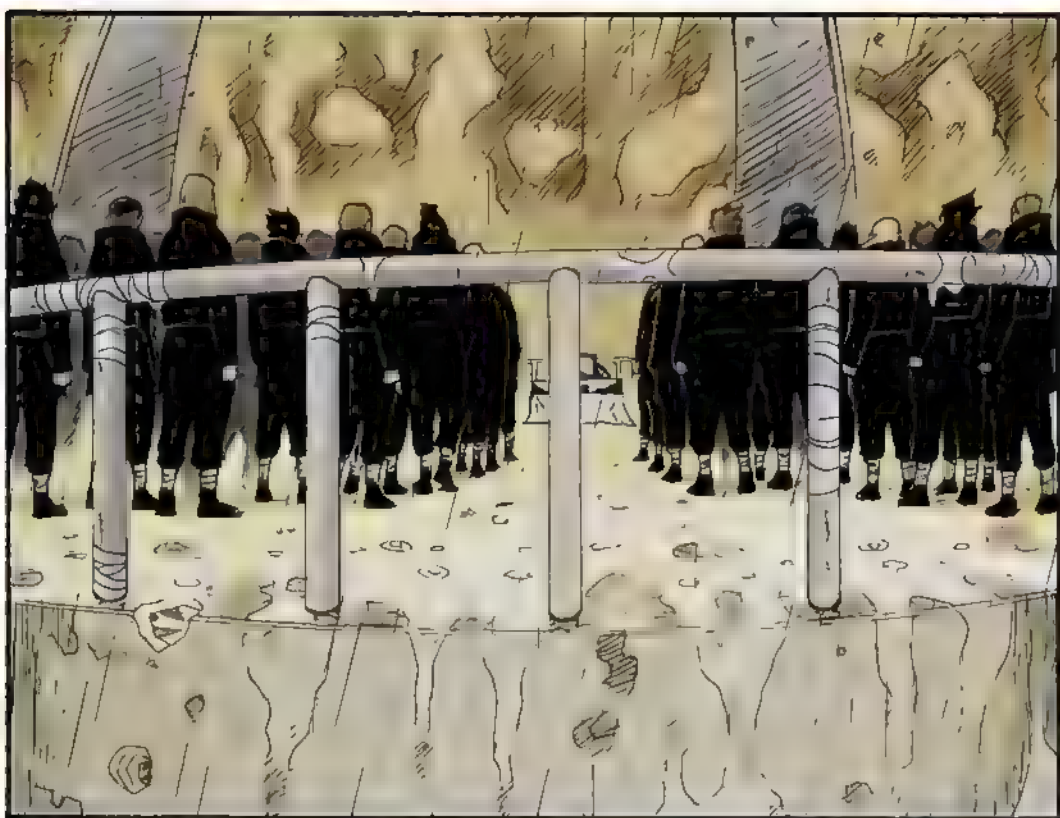
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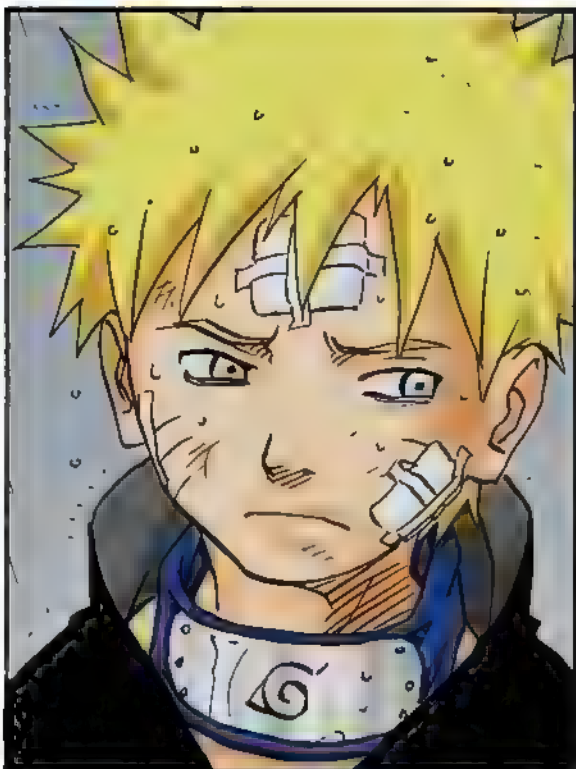
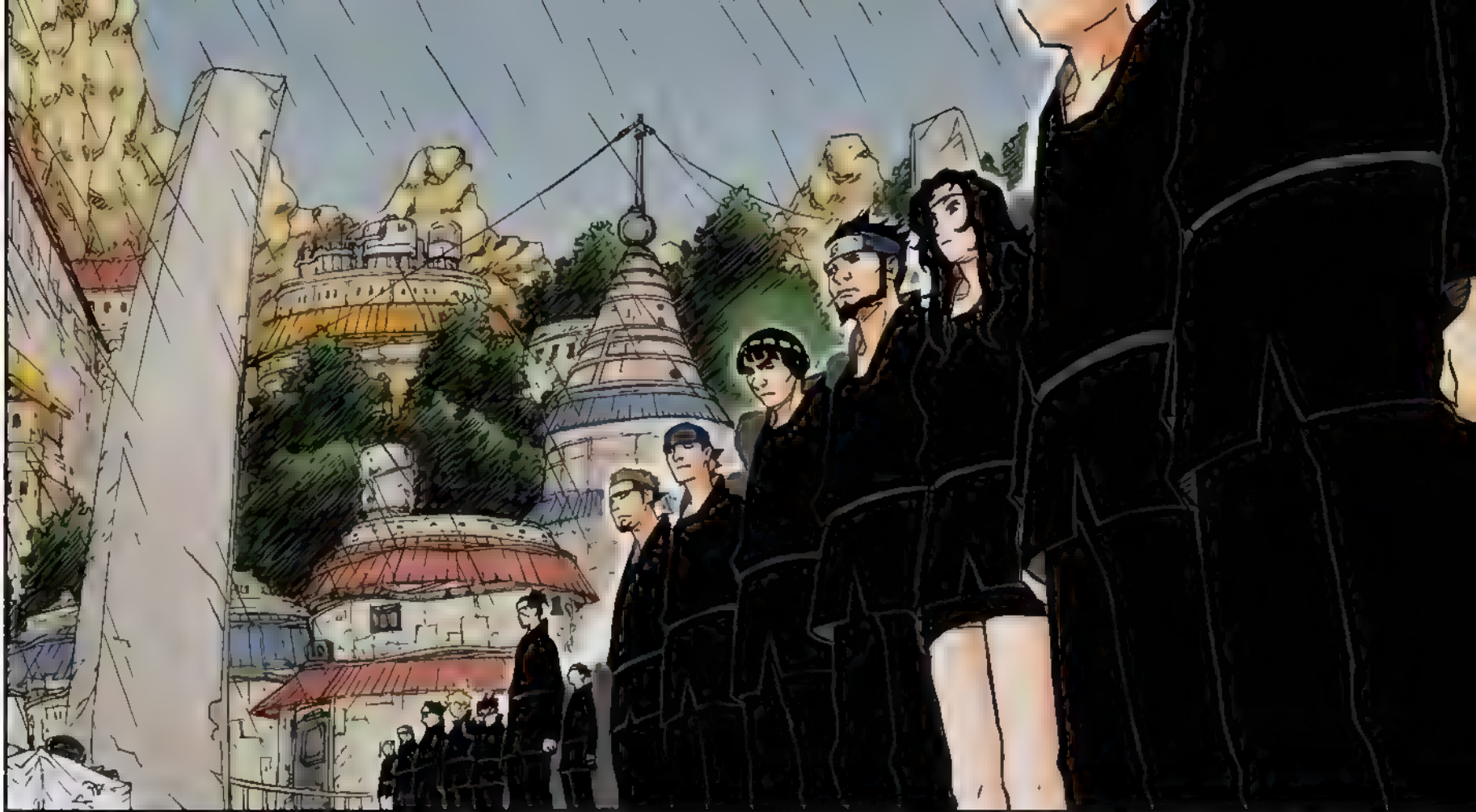
その者の名は...!!

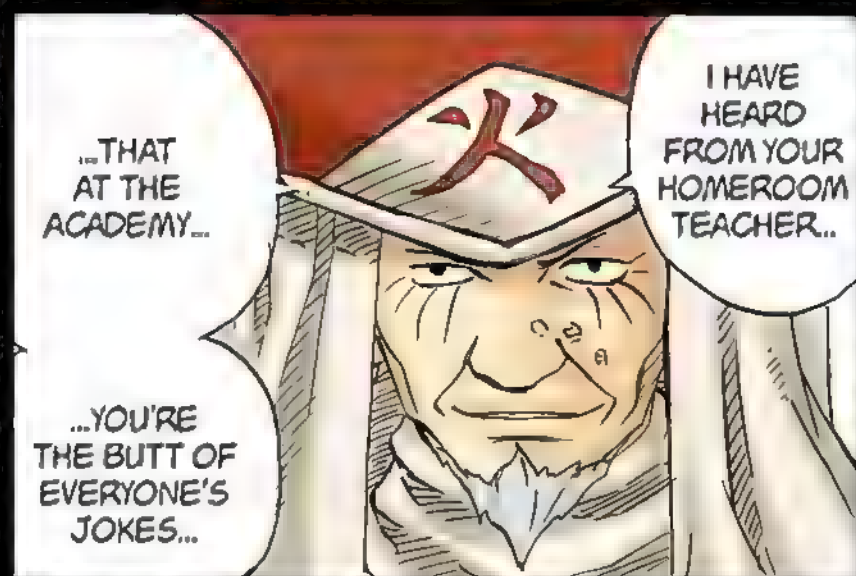
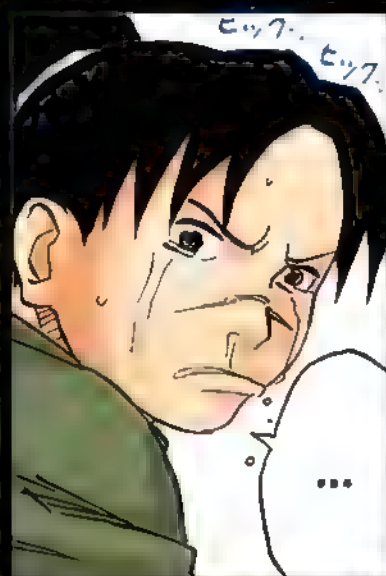
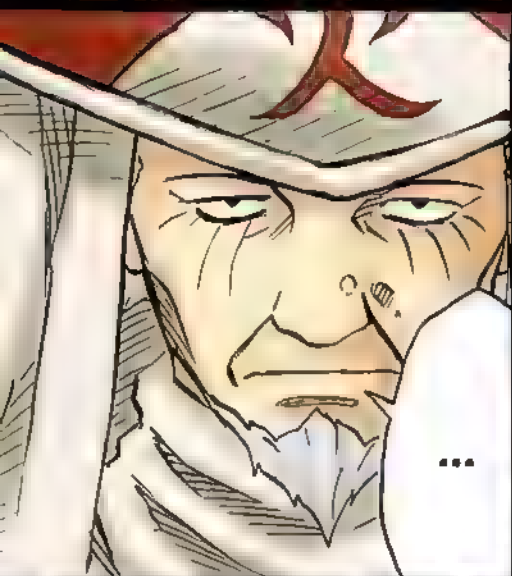
NARUTO

-ナルト-











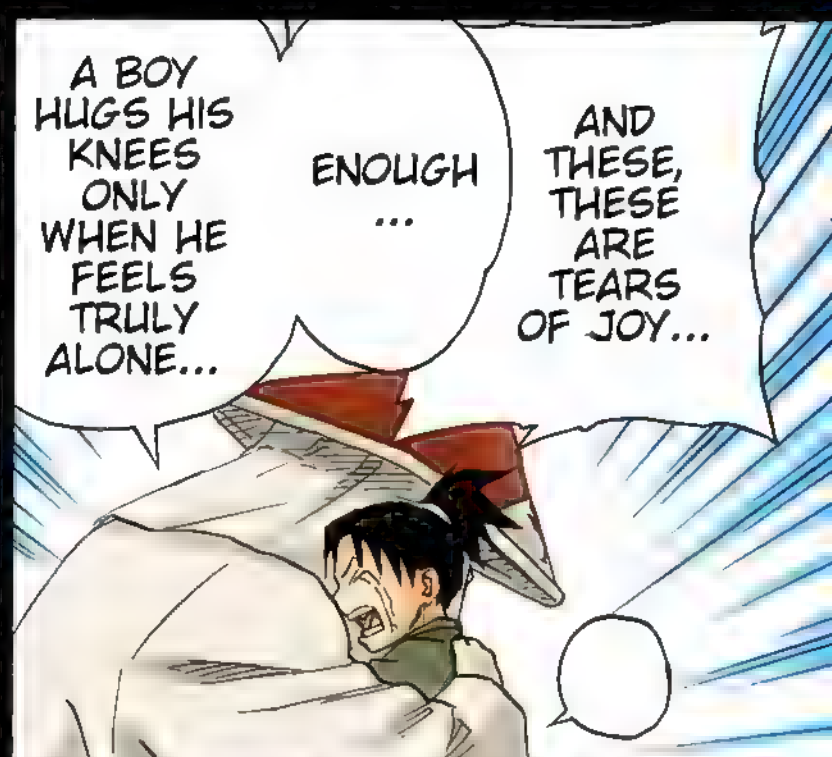
I'M
NOT SAD
BECAUSE
I'M NEVER
ALONE!!

AND
I AM
THEIR
SON!!



HOWEVER...
AS YOU SAY,
YOU ARE
NOT
ALONE...

!



A BOY
HUGS HIS
KNEES
ONLY
WHEN HE
FEELS
TRULY
ALONE...

ENOUGH
...

AND
THESE,
THESE
ARE
TEARS
OF JOY...



...WILL
OF
FIRE?

.....



...CARRY
THE WILL
OF FIRE
WITHIN
THEM.

FOR
ALL OF
KONOHA'S
SHINOBI...

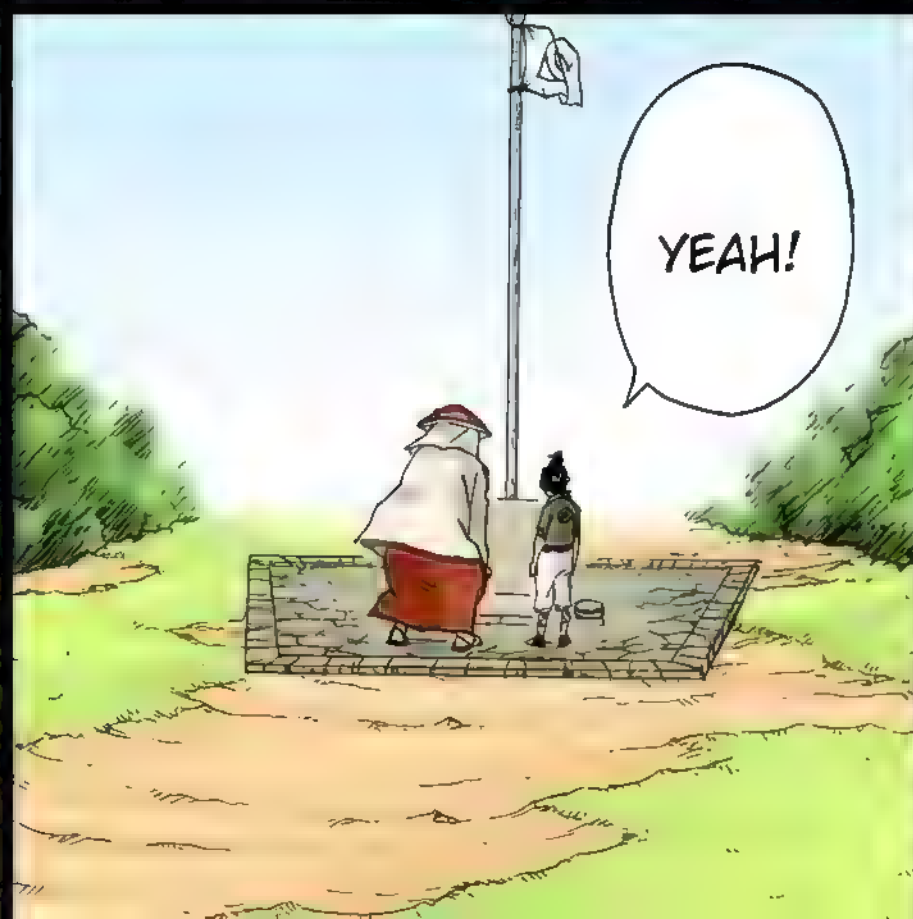
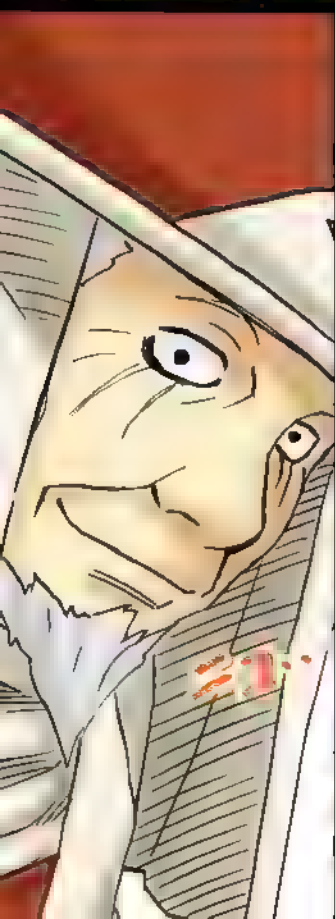


THE
BURNING
DESIRE TO
DEFEND
THIS
VILLAGE.

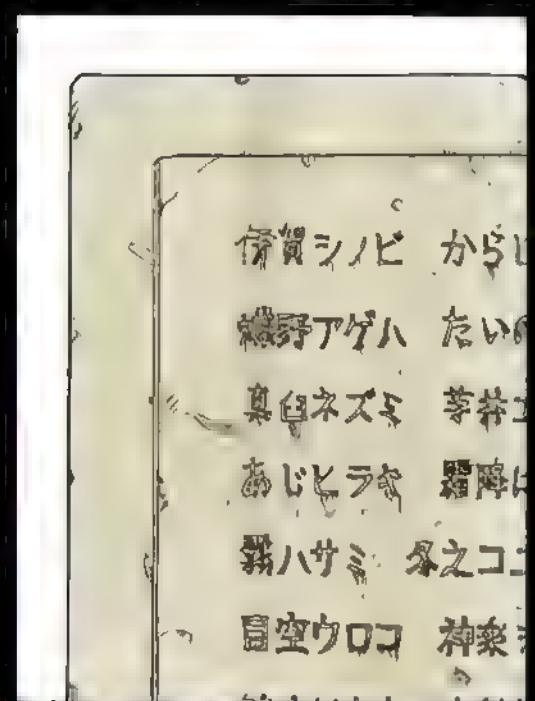


...MY DEAR
IRUKA...
DO YOU
POSSESS
IT...?

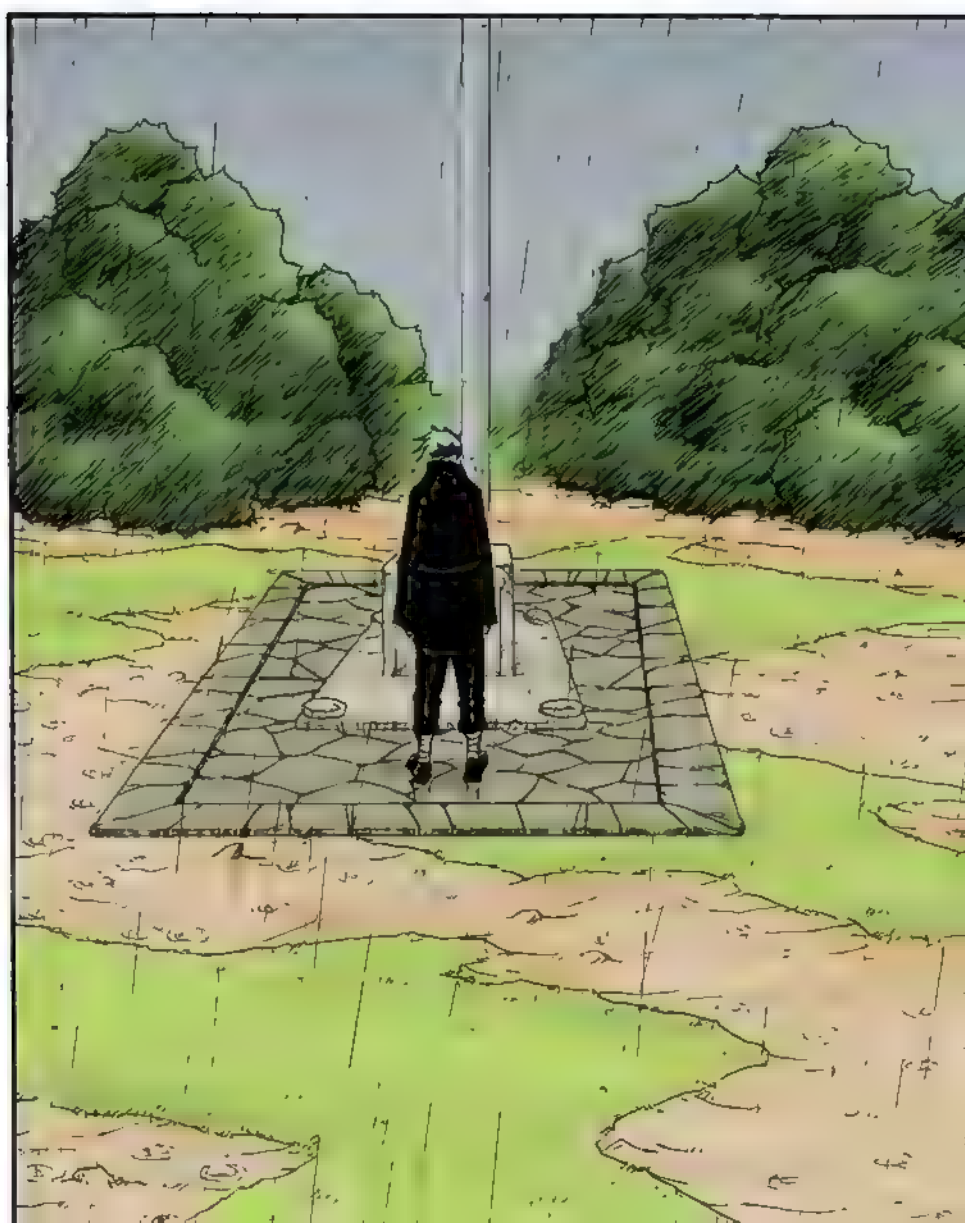
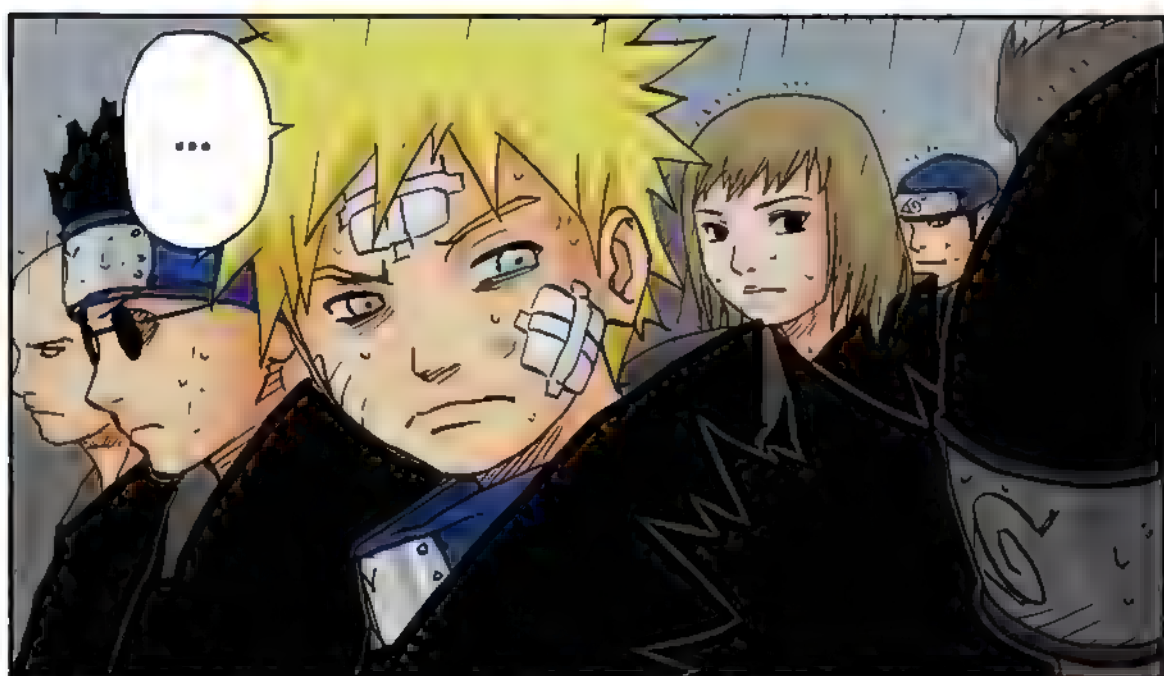
...SO LONG
AS ONE
BEARS THIS
WILL OF FIRE.
EACH AND
EVERY ONE OF
THOSE WHO
LIVE IN THIS
VILLAGE ARE
FAMILY...



YEAH!



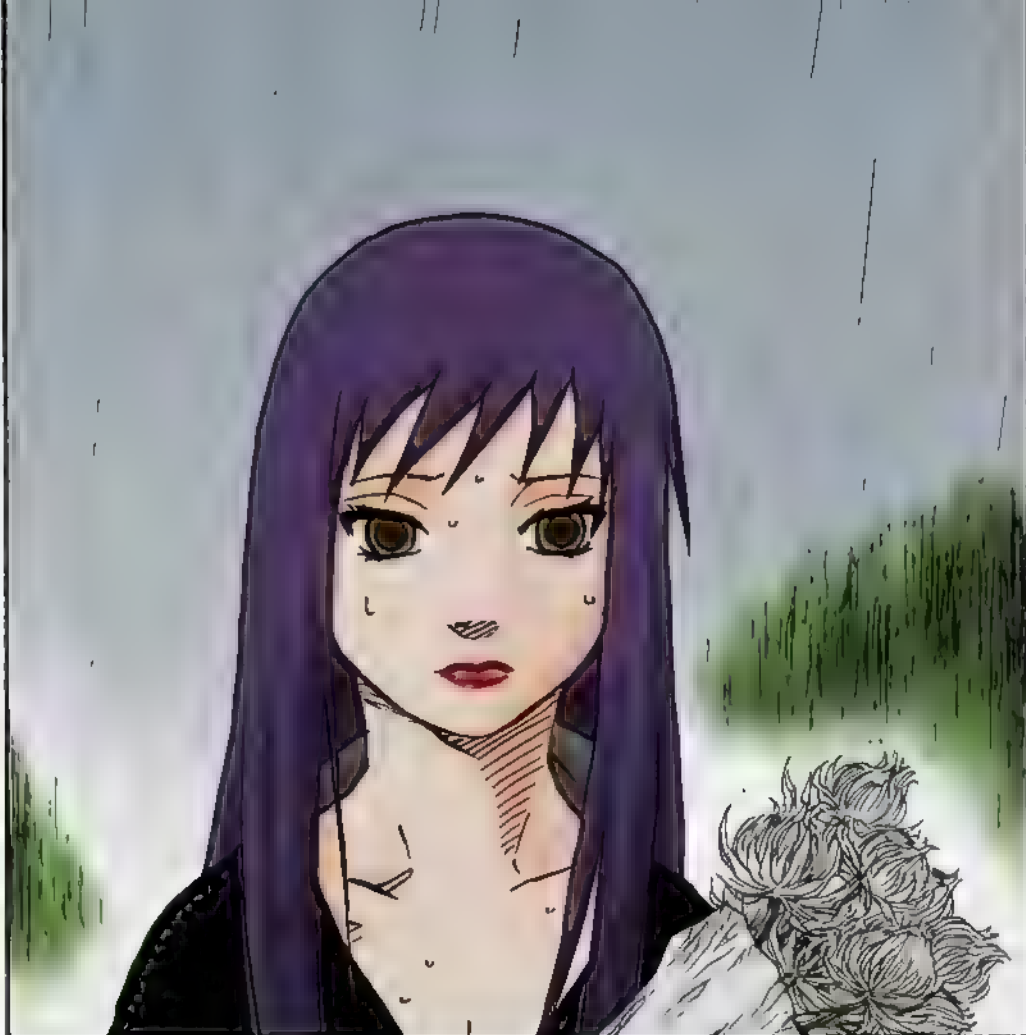
傍賀シノビ からい
織野アゲハ たい
真白ネズミ 茅芥
あじとラギ 羅降
霧ハサミ 冬之コ
目空ウロコ 神衆





YOU
BETTER
HURRY...

THE THIRD
HOKAGE'S
FUNERAL
SERVICE
HAS
ALREADY
STARTED...



...



INSTEAD OF
CONSTANTLY
INVENTING
NEW EXCUSES
FOR WHY
YOU'RE LATE,
WHY DON'T YOU
JUST COME
HERE
EARLIER?

AND YOU,
KAKASHI?
PAYING
RESPECTS
TO OBITO...?



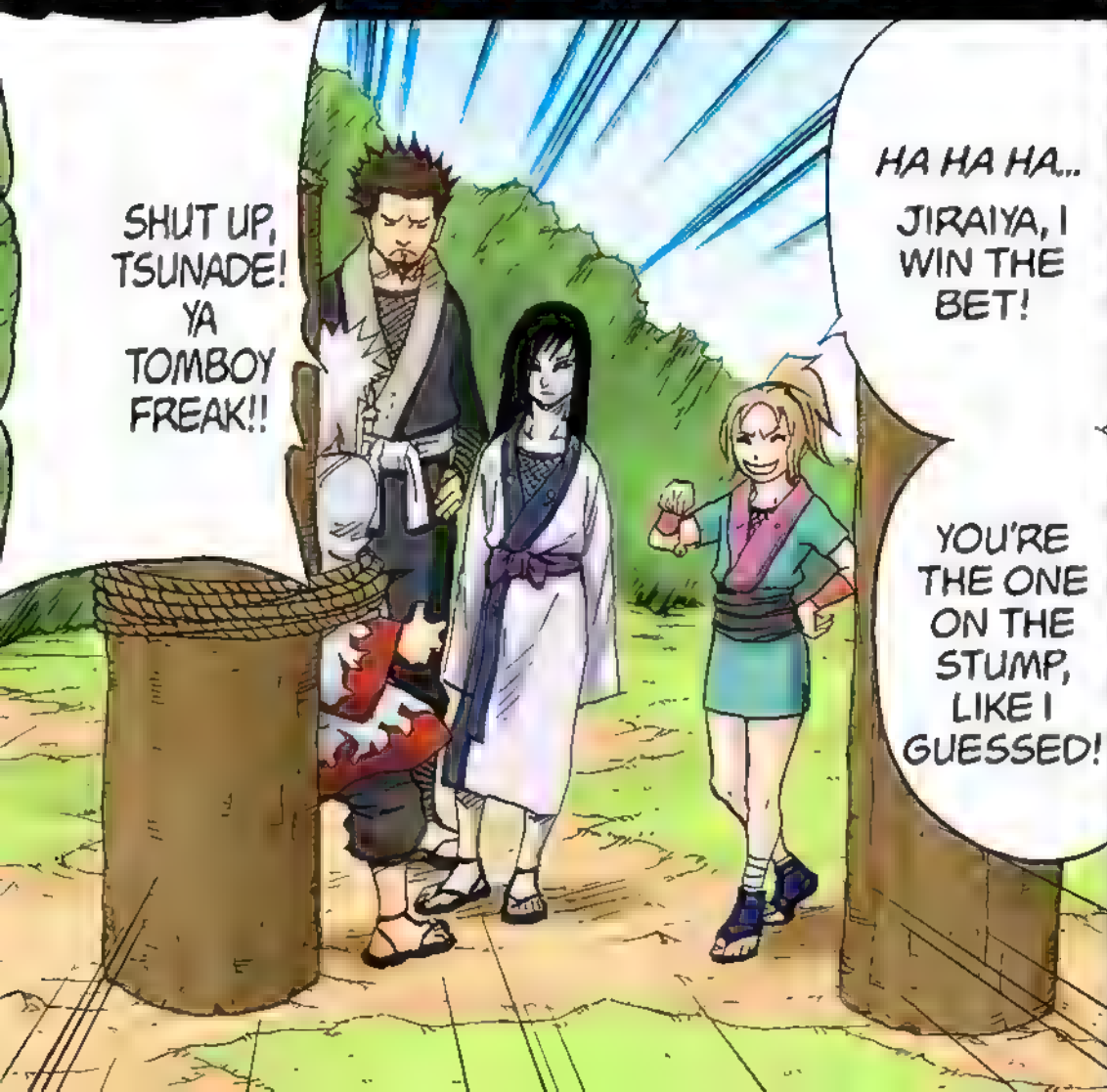
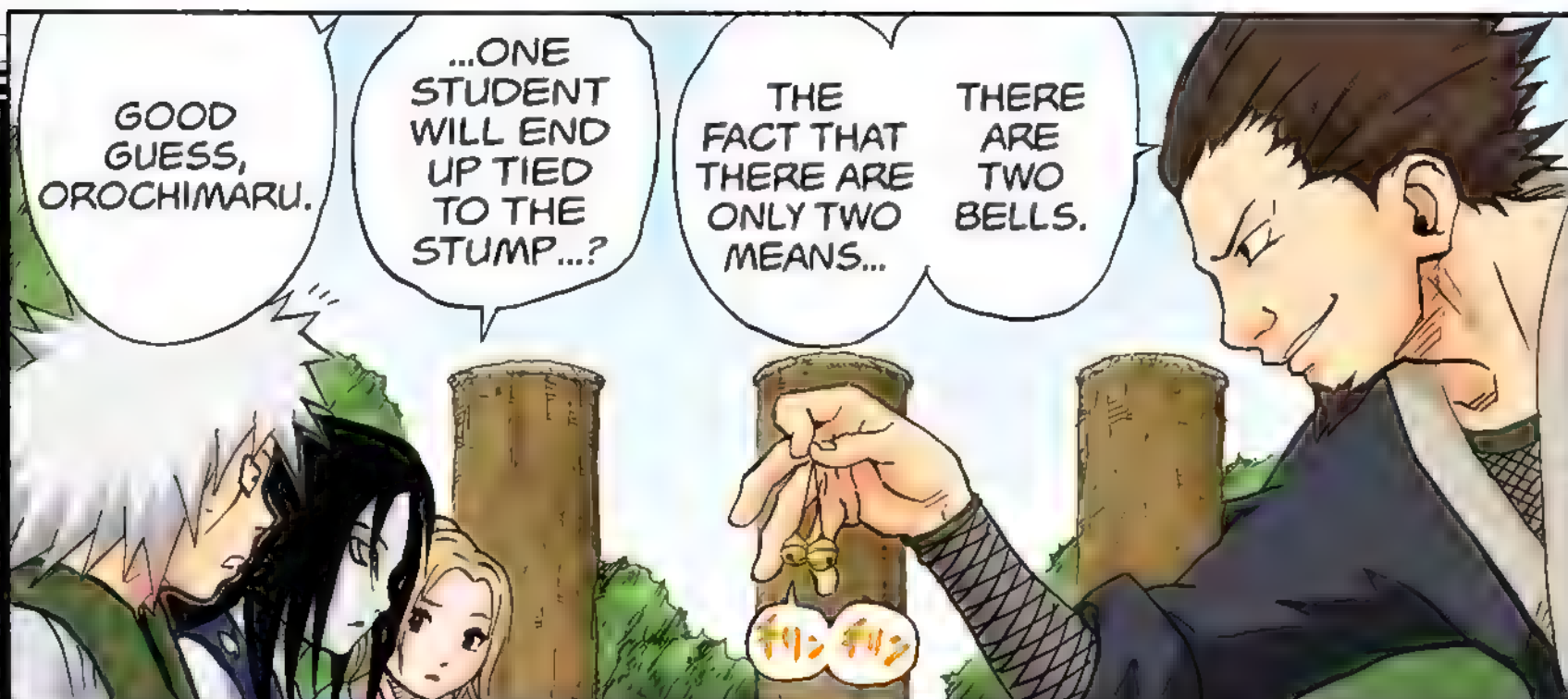
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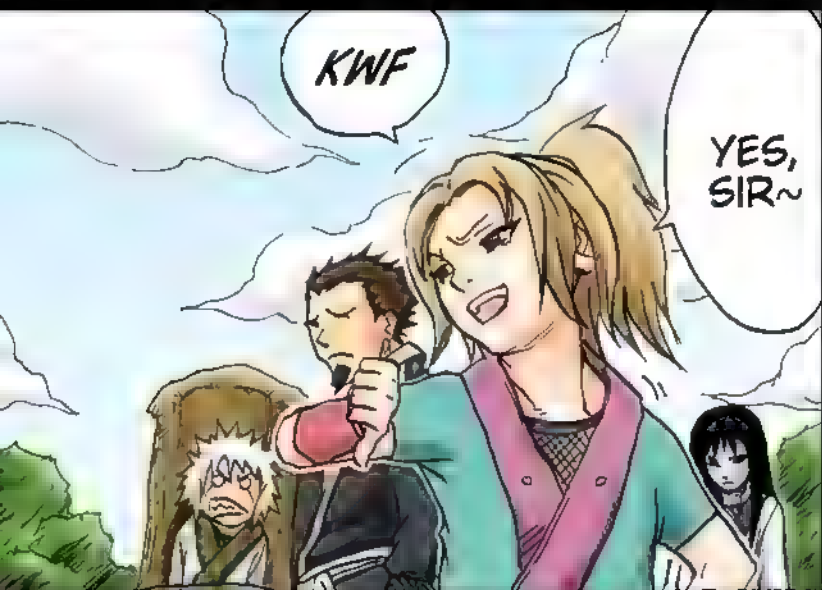
...I DO...
FIRST
THING IN
THE
MORNING...

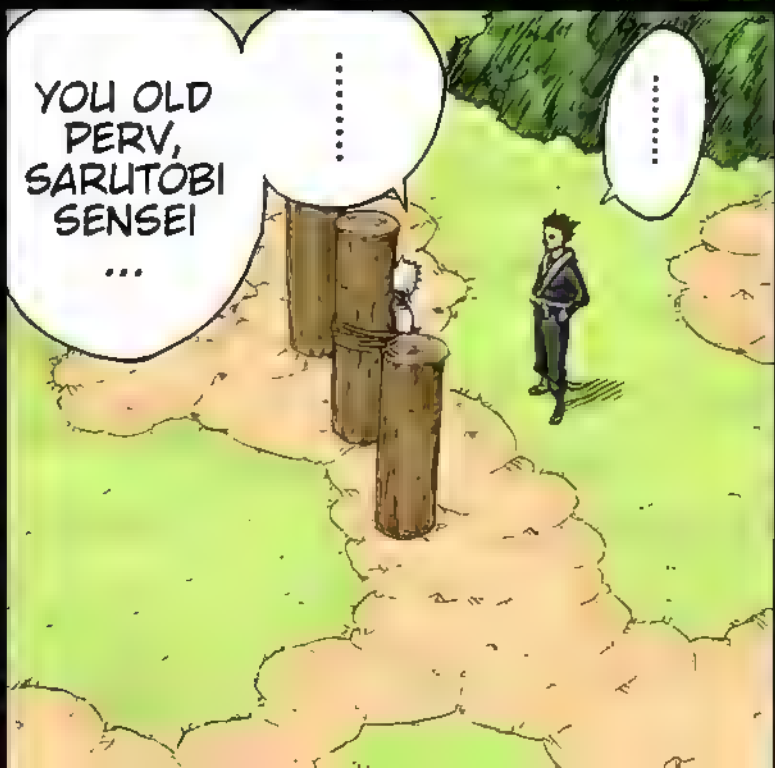


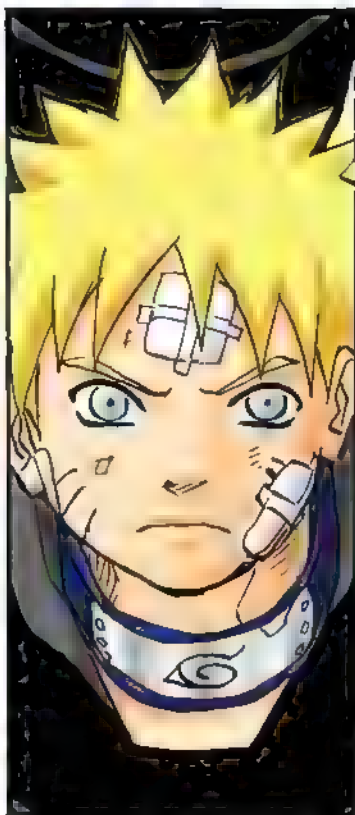
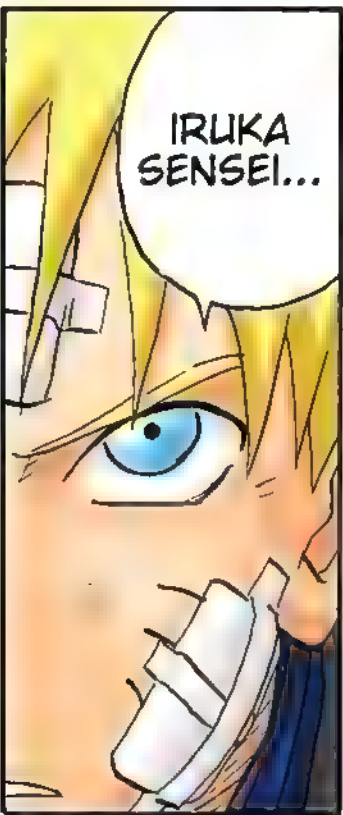
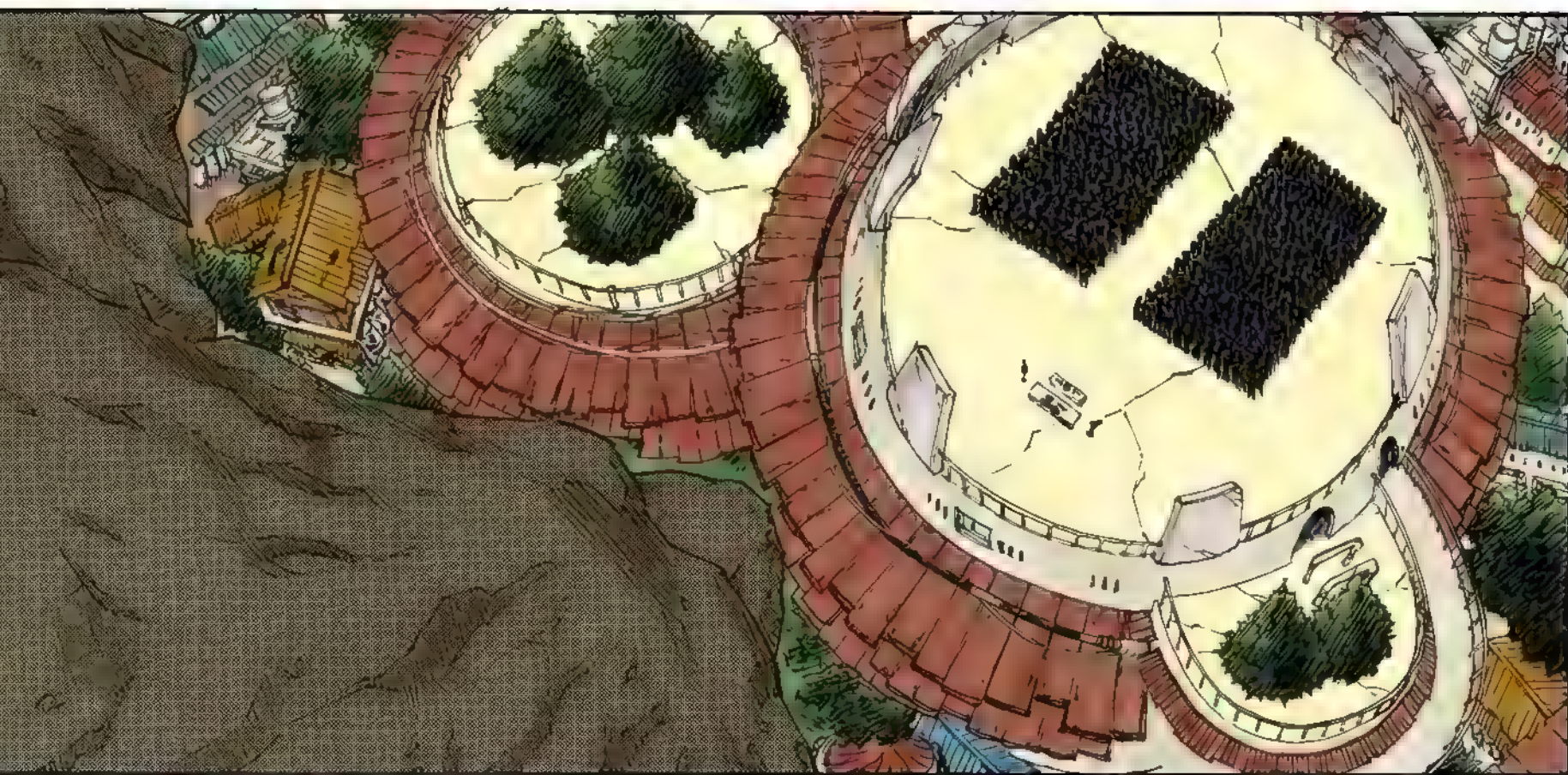
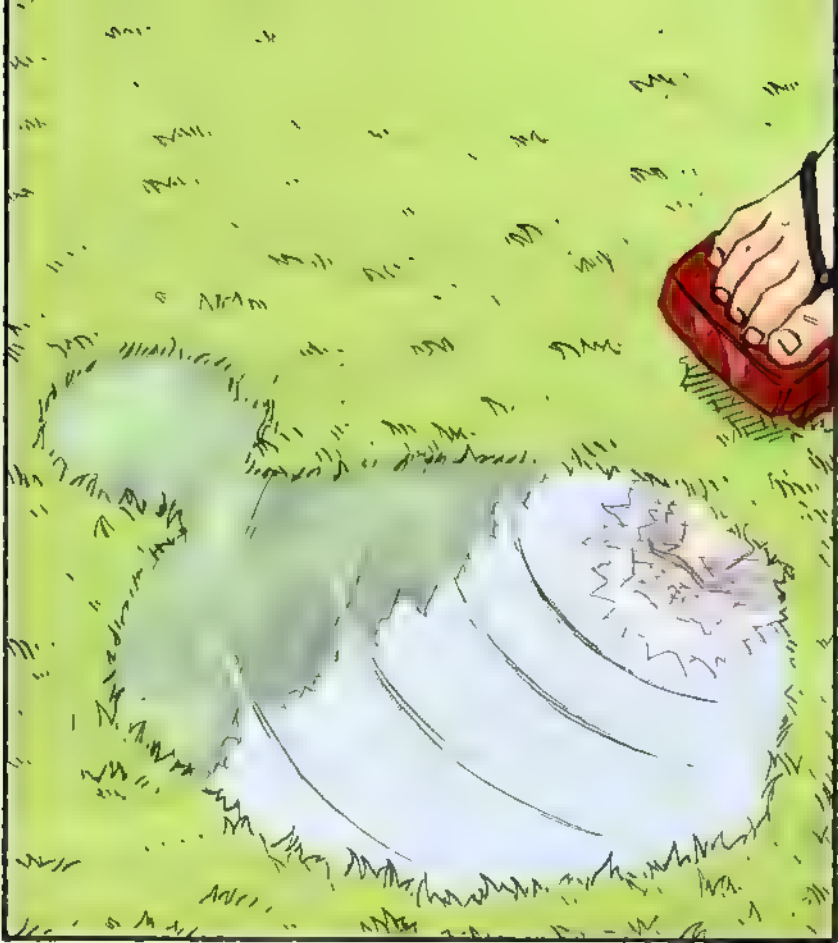
I CAN'T
STOP
THINKING
ABOUT WHAT
AN IDIOT I
USED TO
BE...

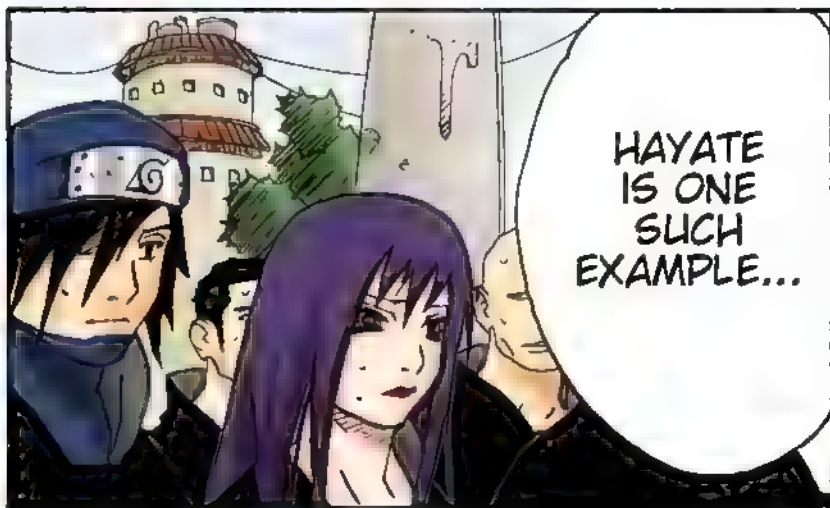
...IT'S
JUST
THAT
ONCE
I GET
HERE...

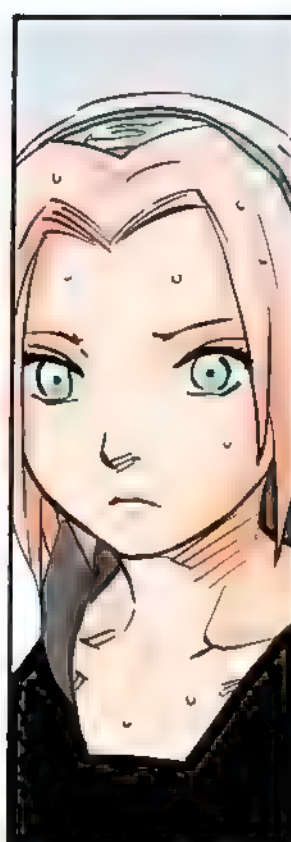
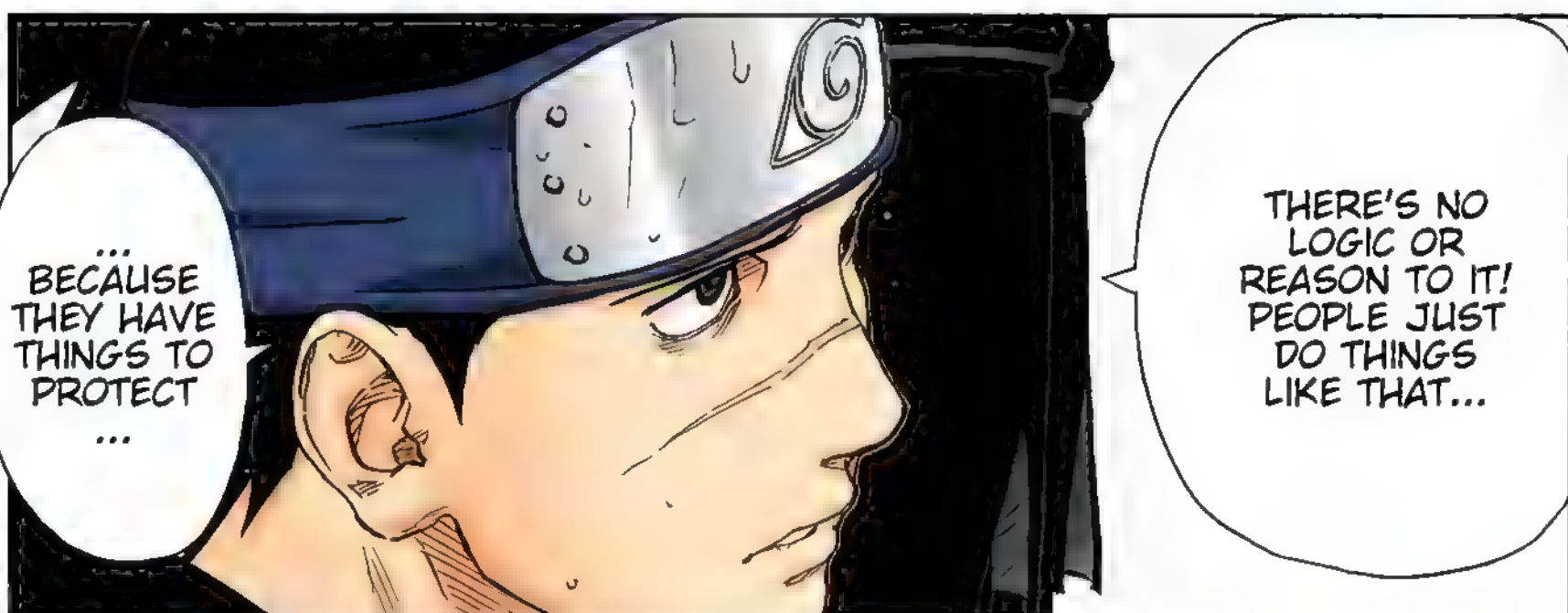
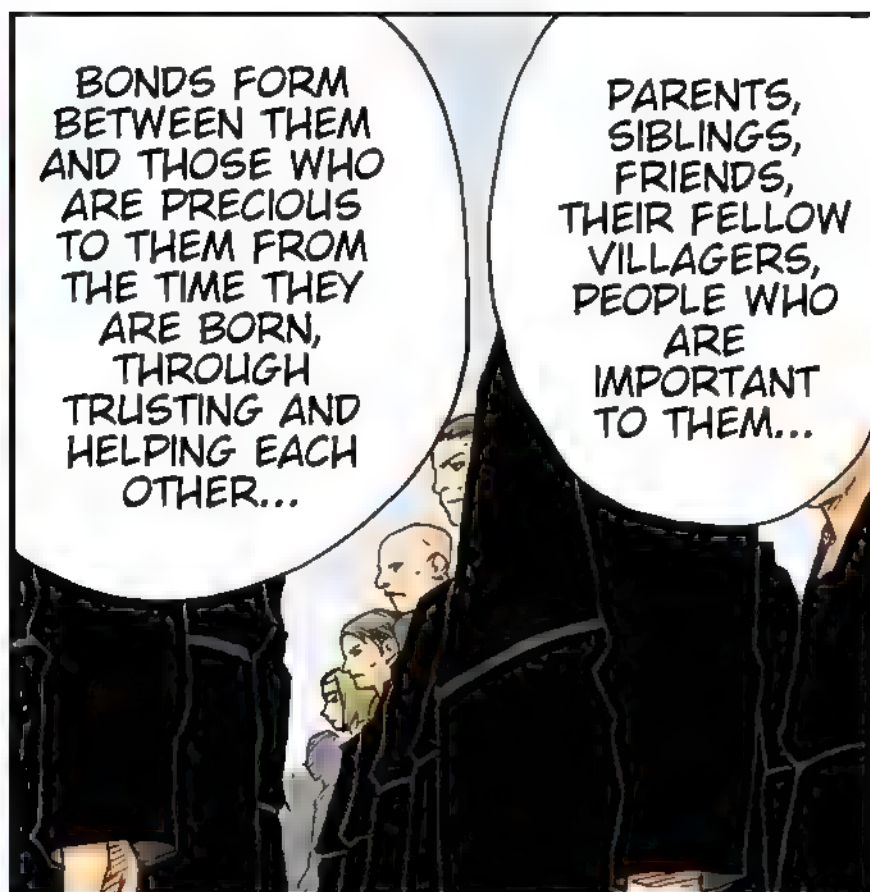








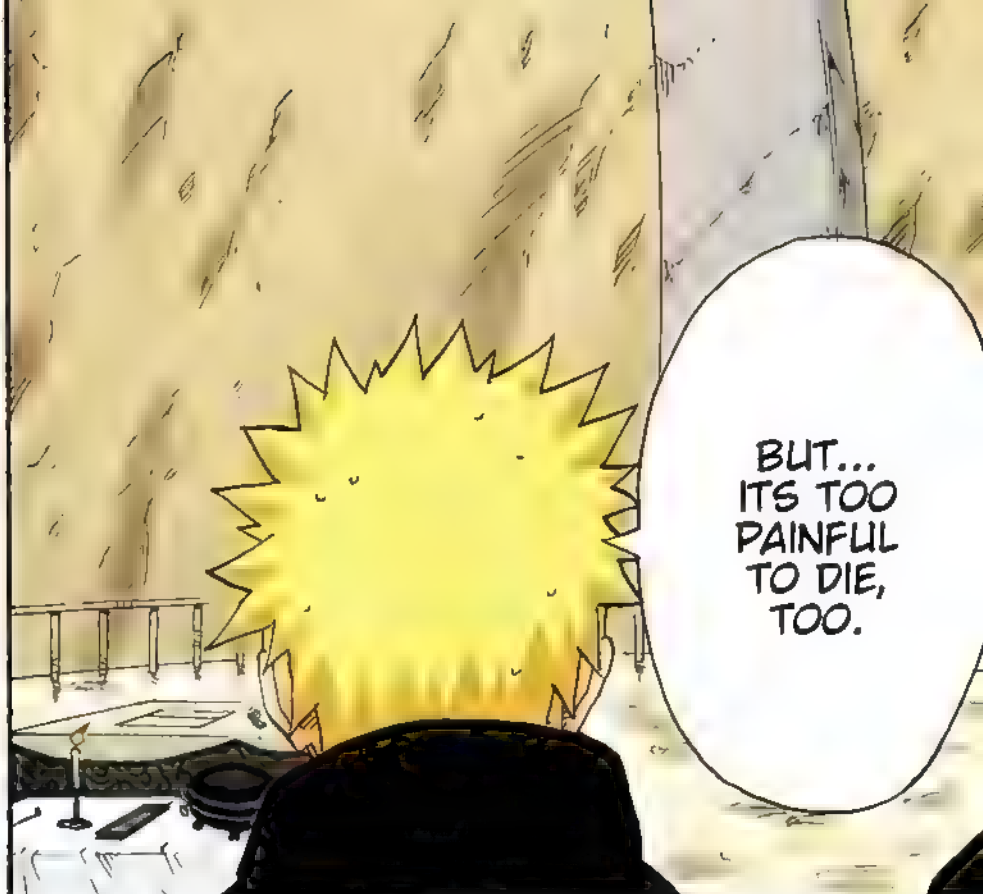






HE DID
LEAVE ALL
OF US
SOMETHING
IMPORTANT...

WELL,
THE THIRD
HOKAGE
DID NOT
DIE IN
VAIN.

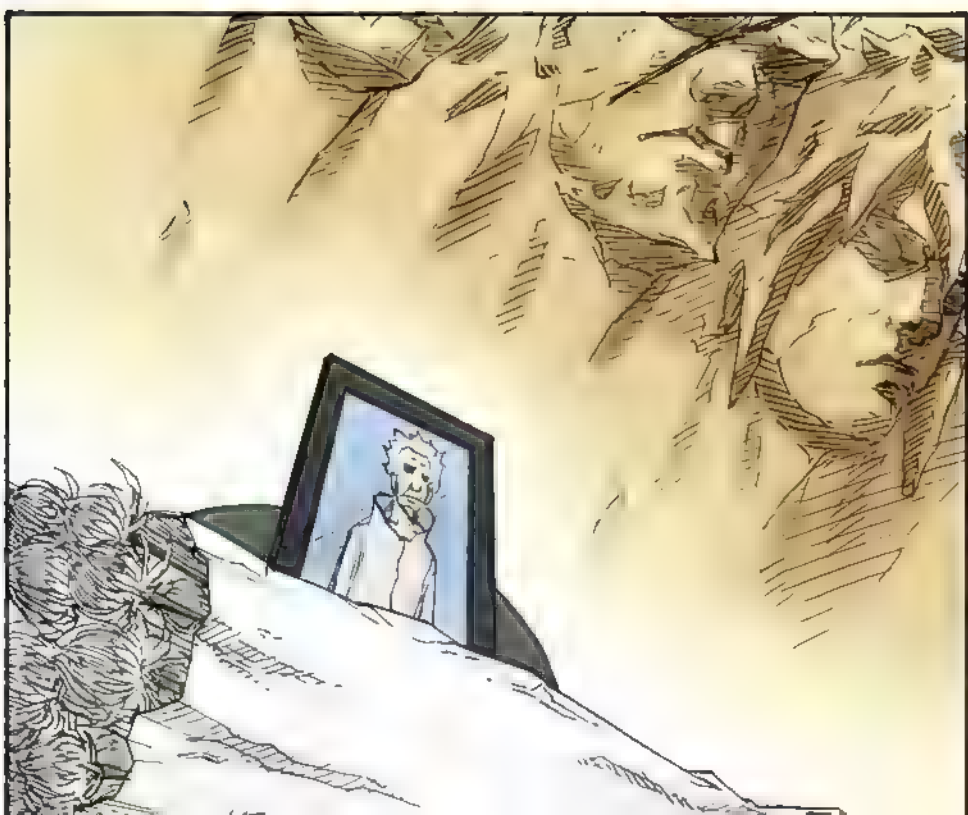
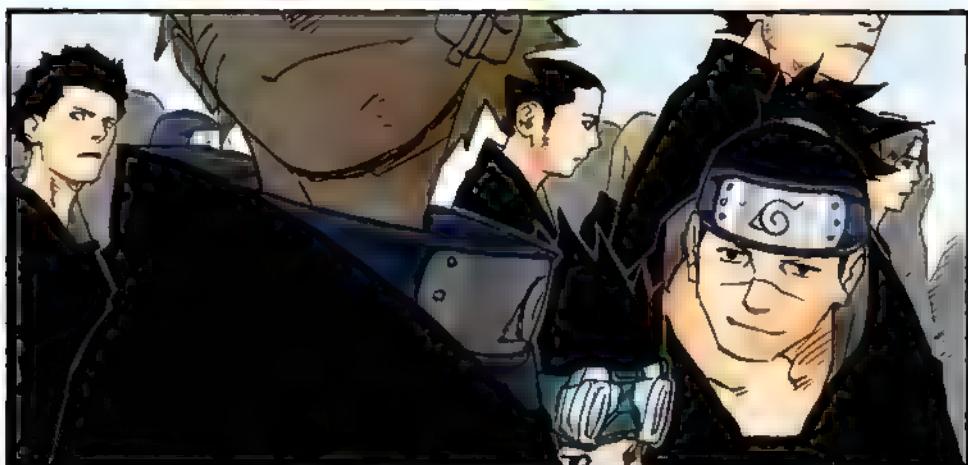


BUT...
IT'S TOO
PAINFUL
TO DIE,
TOO.



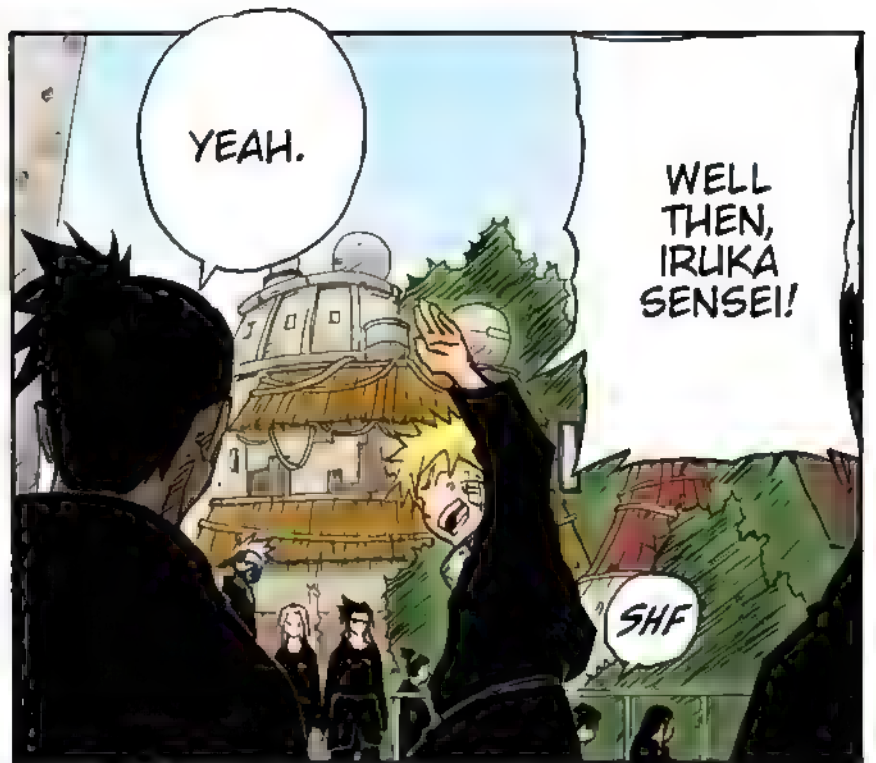
WELL,
DON'T
WORRY...
YOU'LL
UNDERSTAND
EVENTUALLY.

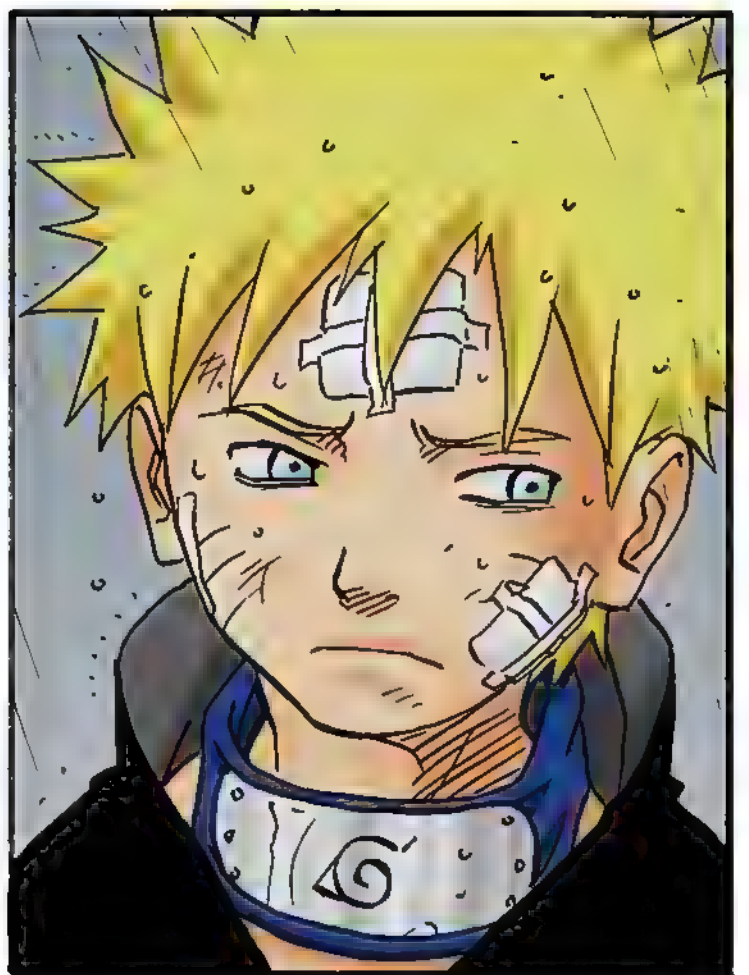
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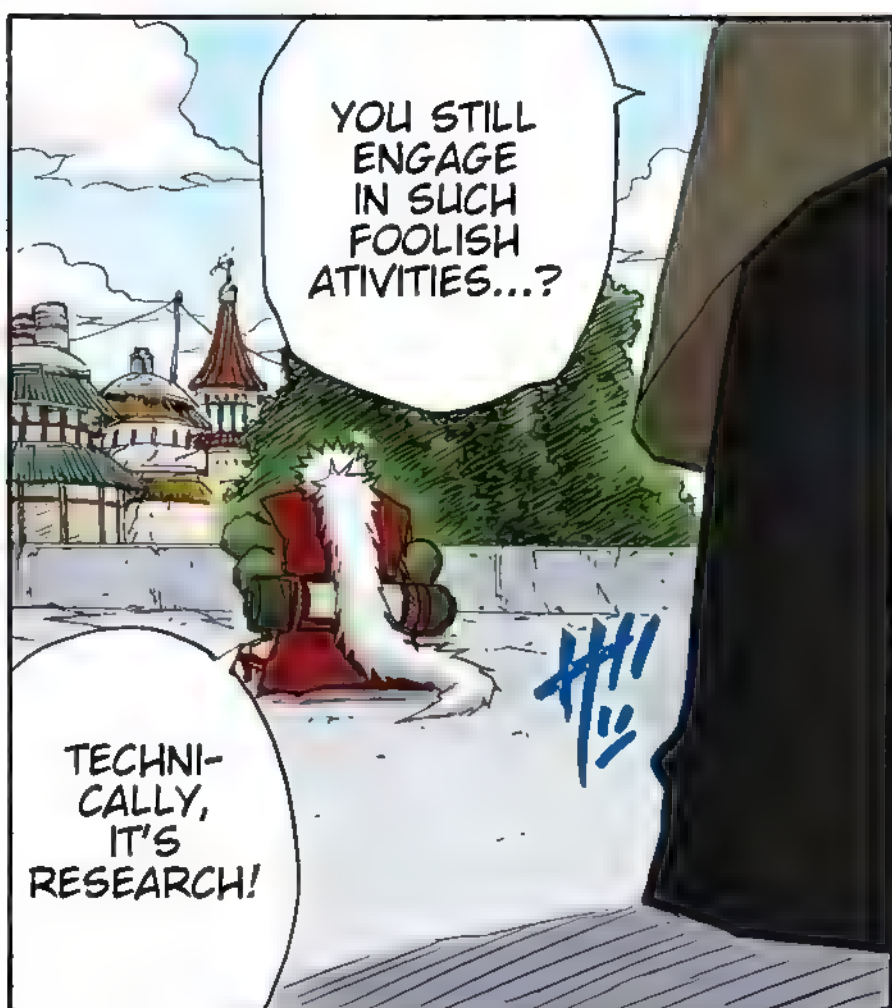
GIVE ME
SOME
CREDIT - I
UNDERSTAND!

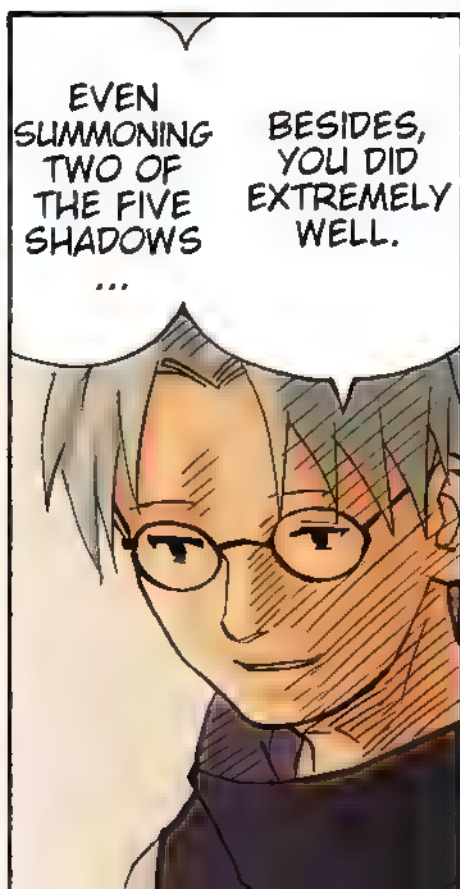
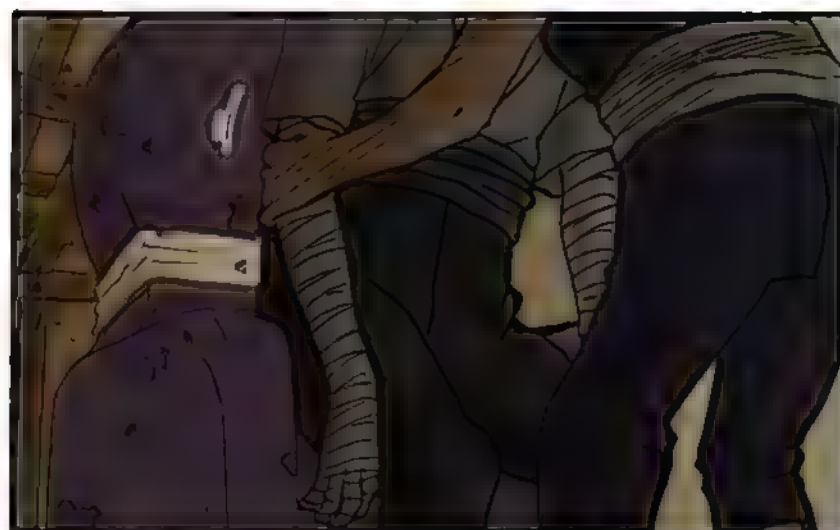
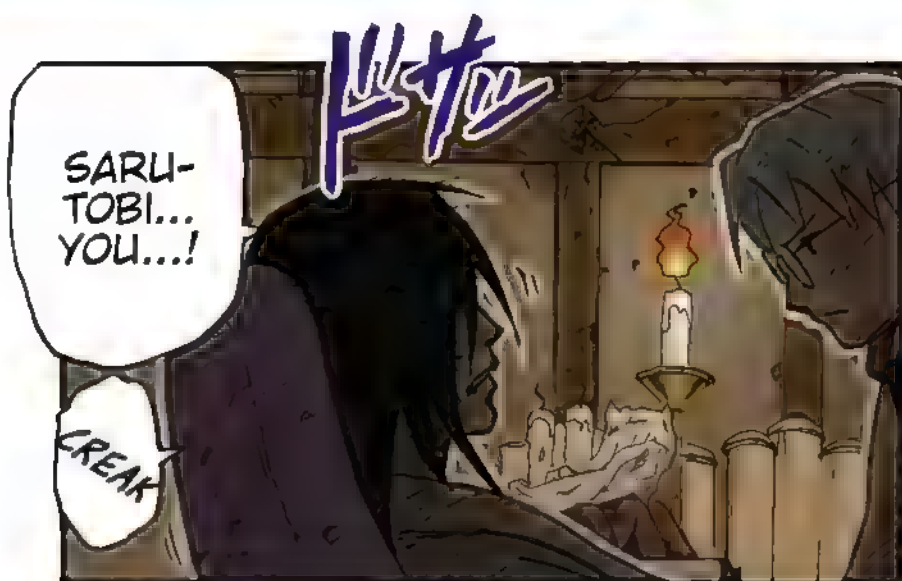
HEY...!

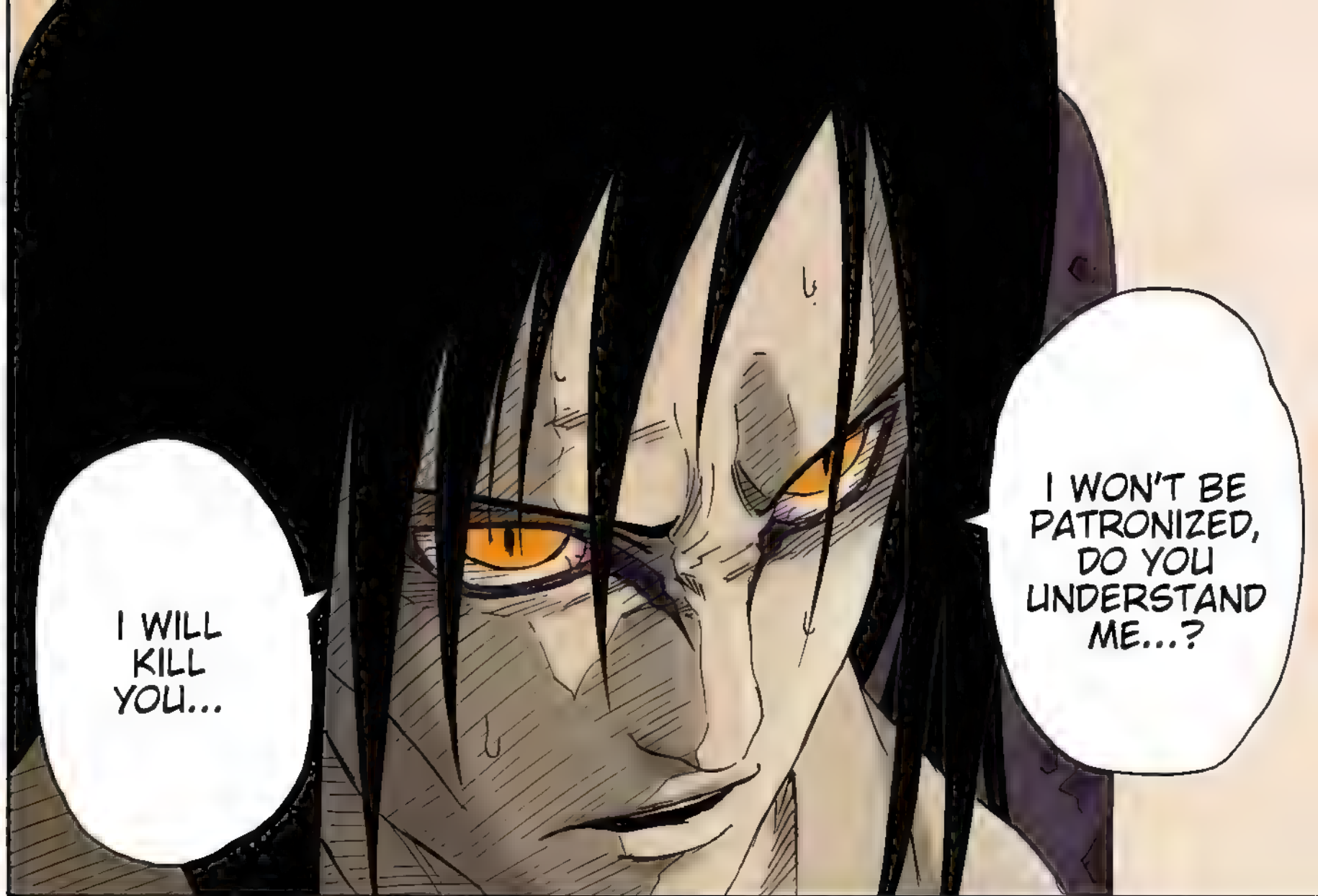






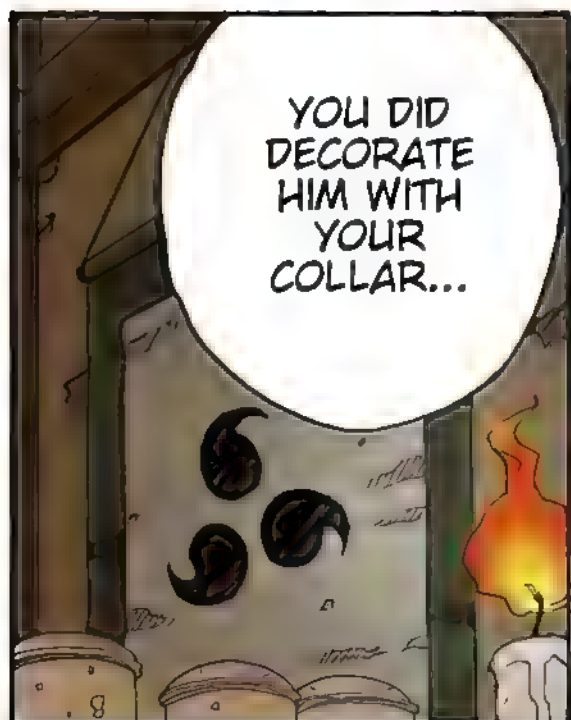






I WILL
KILL
YOU...

I WON'T BE
PATRONIZED,
DO YOU
UNDERSTAND
ME...?



YOU DID
DECORATE
HIM WITH
YOUR
COLLAR...



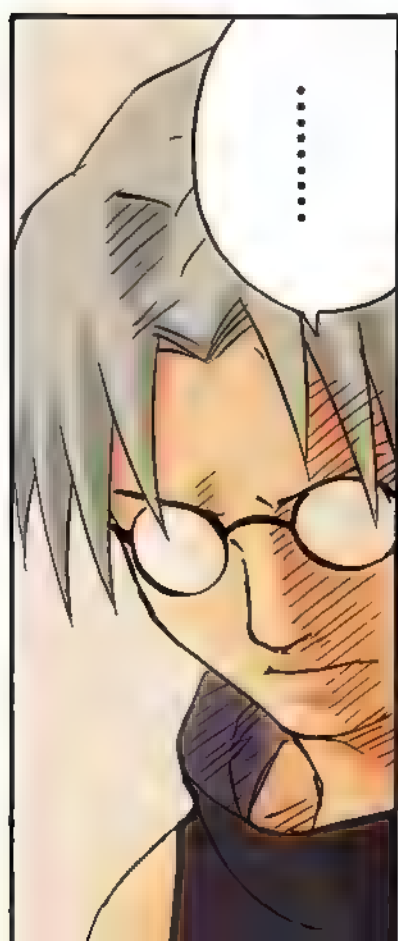
FOR SURE,
PERHAPS WE
WERE NOT
ABLE TO TAKE
DOWN THE
VILLAGE,
BUT...

IN TERMS
OF OUR
OTHER GOAL,
SASUKE
UCHIHA...

...THAT
WAS NOT
MY
INTENTION,
OF
COURSE



.....



.....

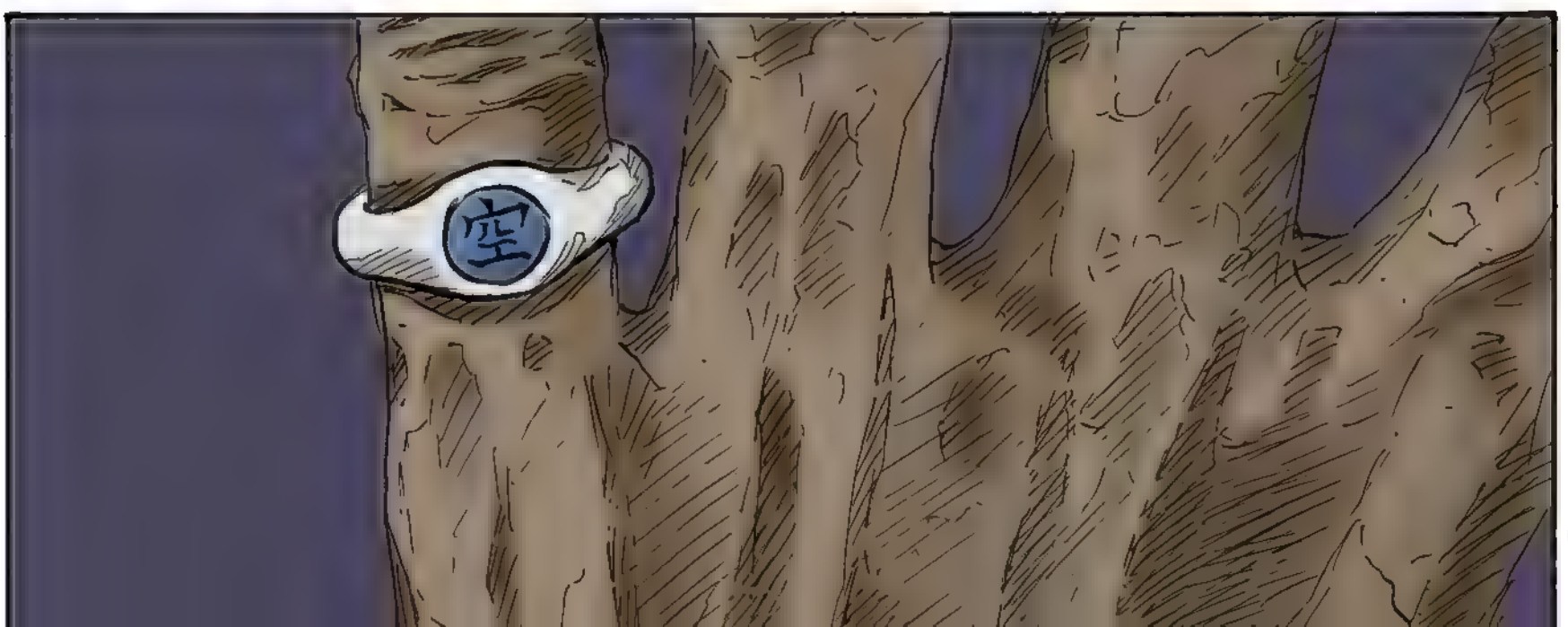
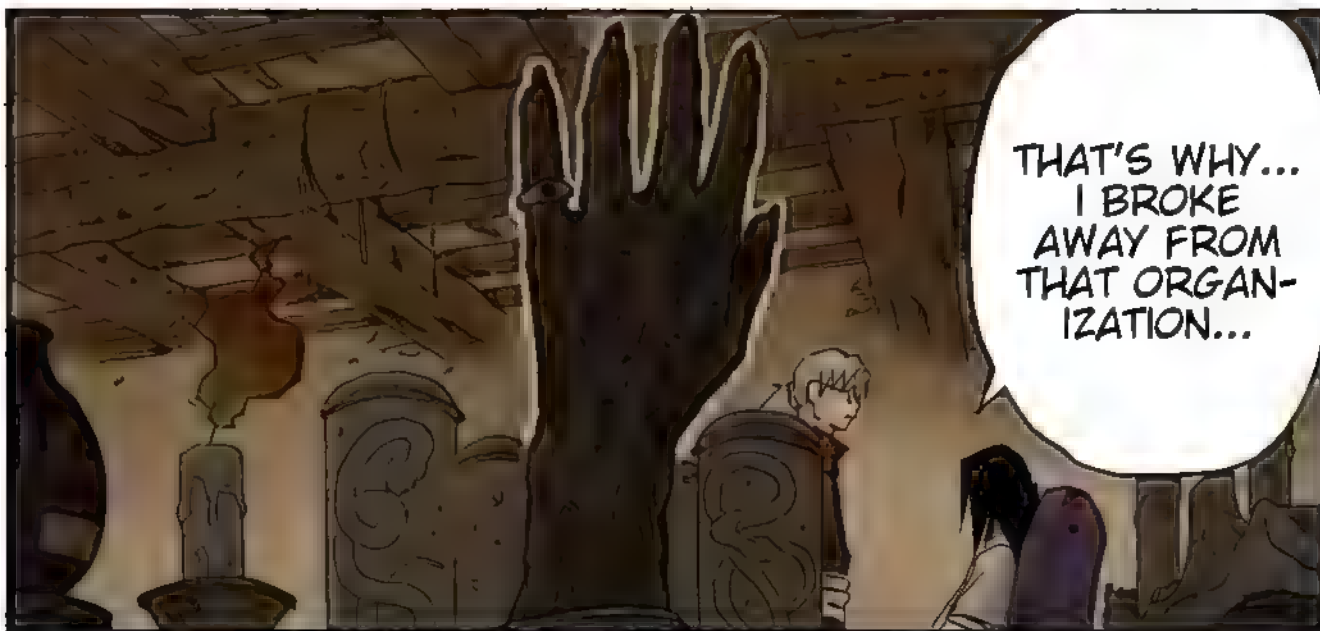
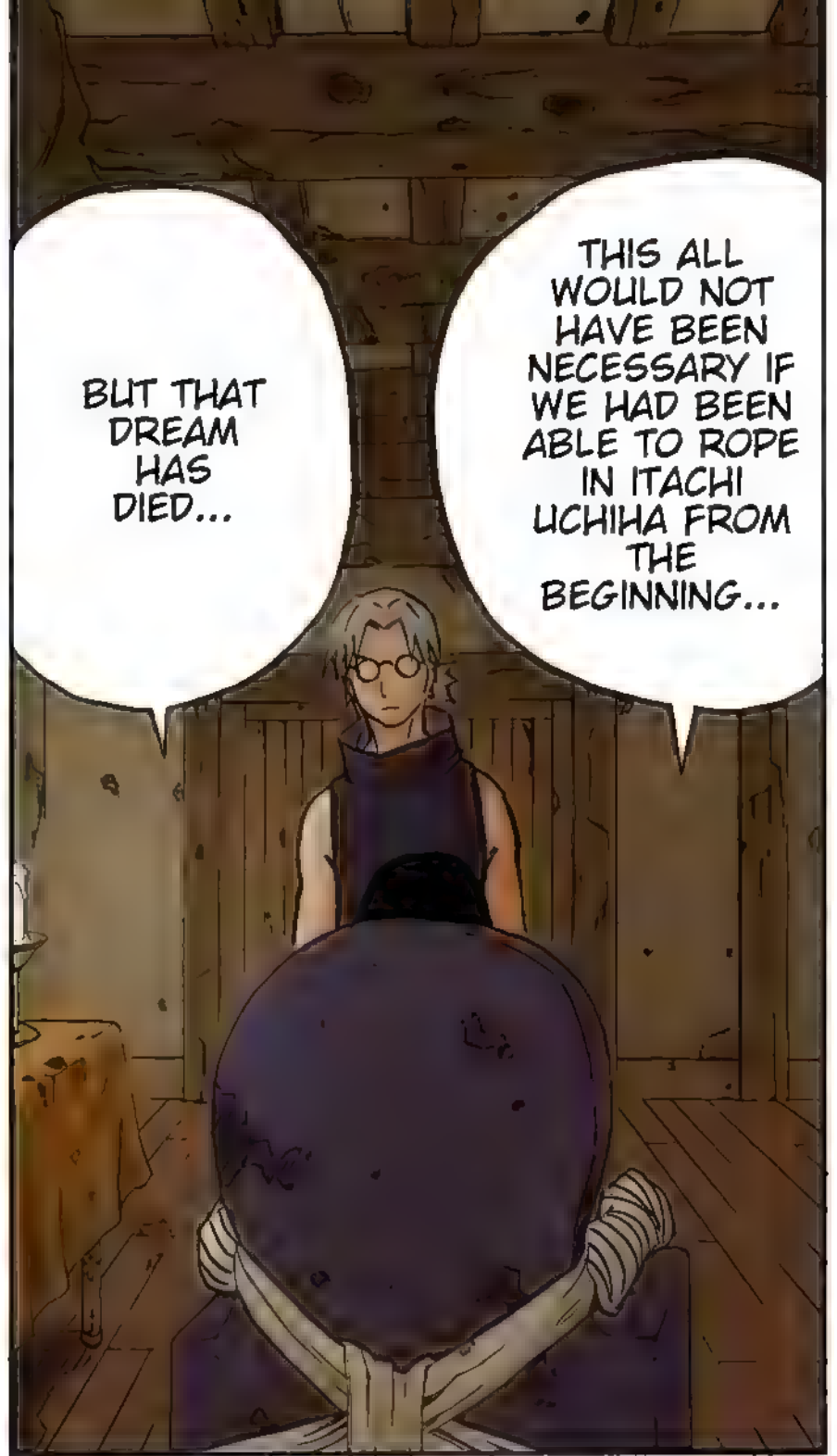


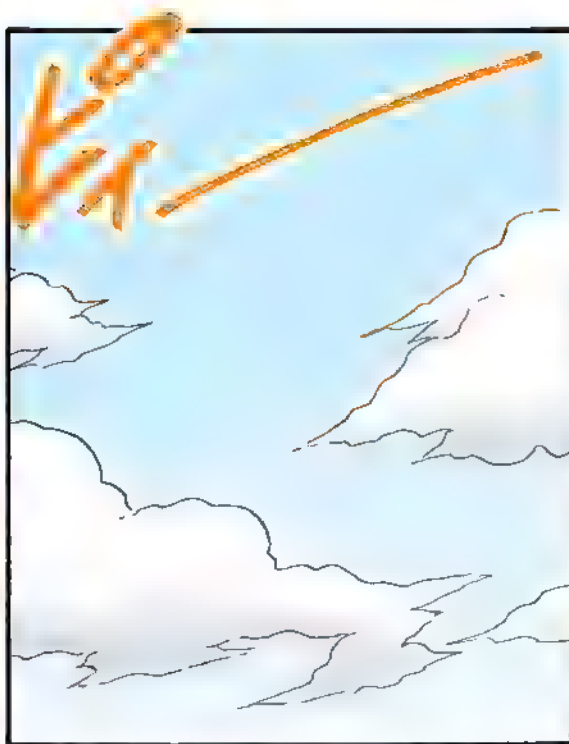
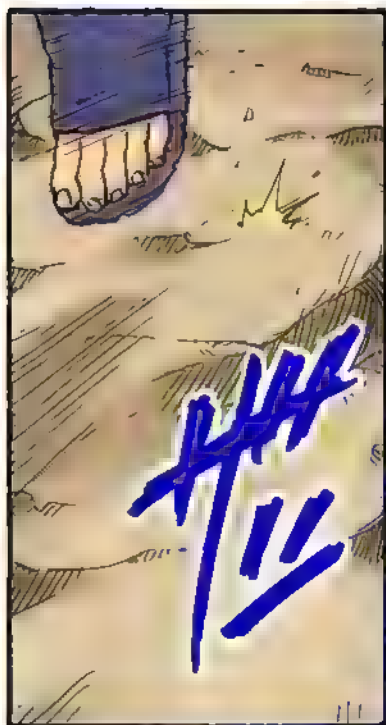
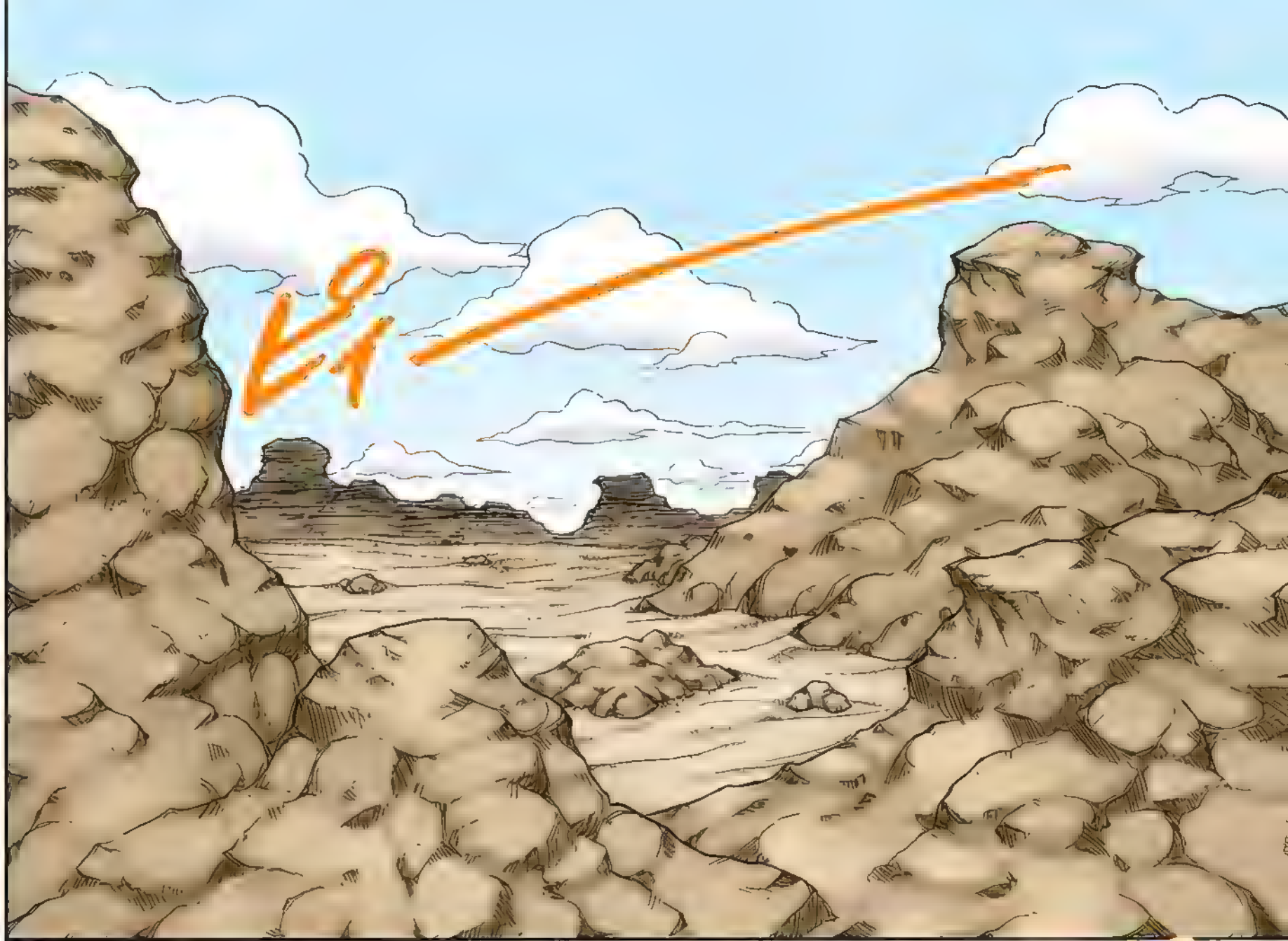
AT THE
COST OF
THESE
ARMS AND
ALL MY
JUTSU...

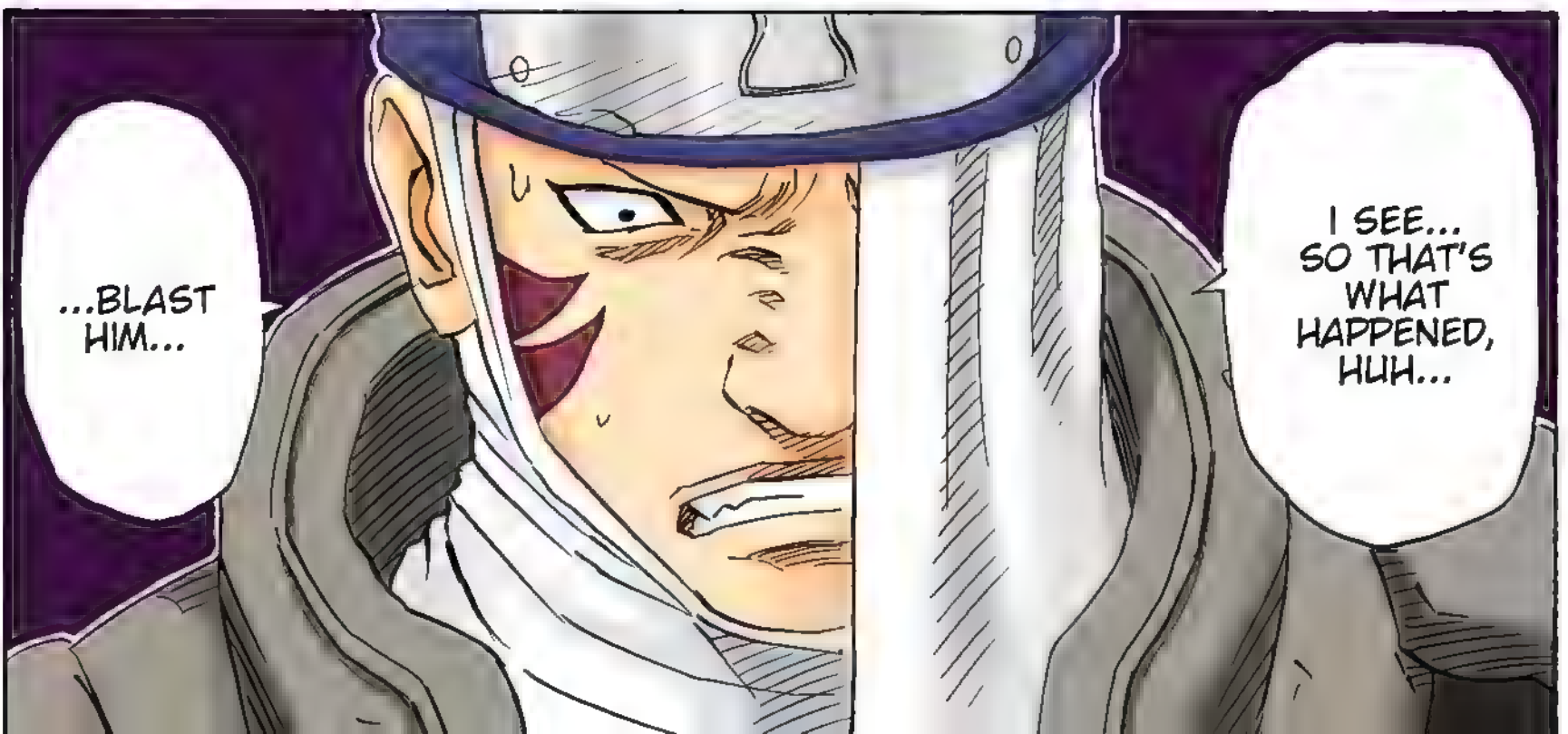
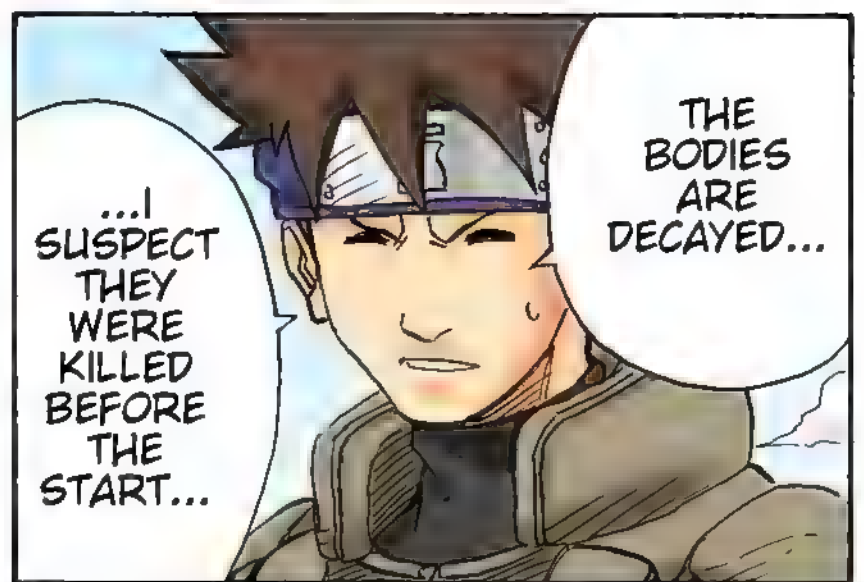
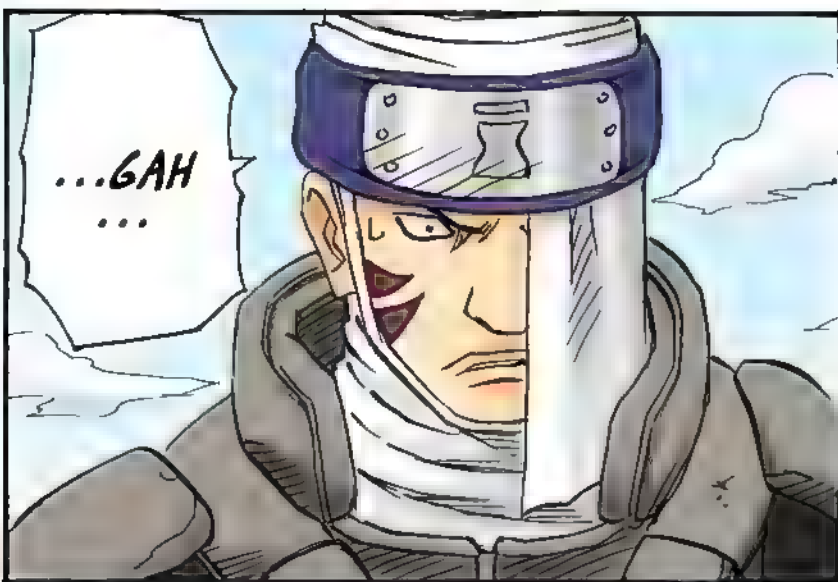
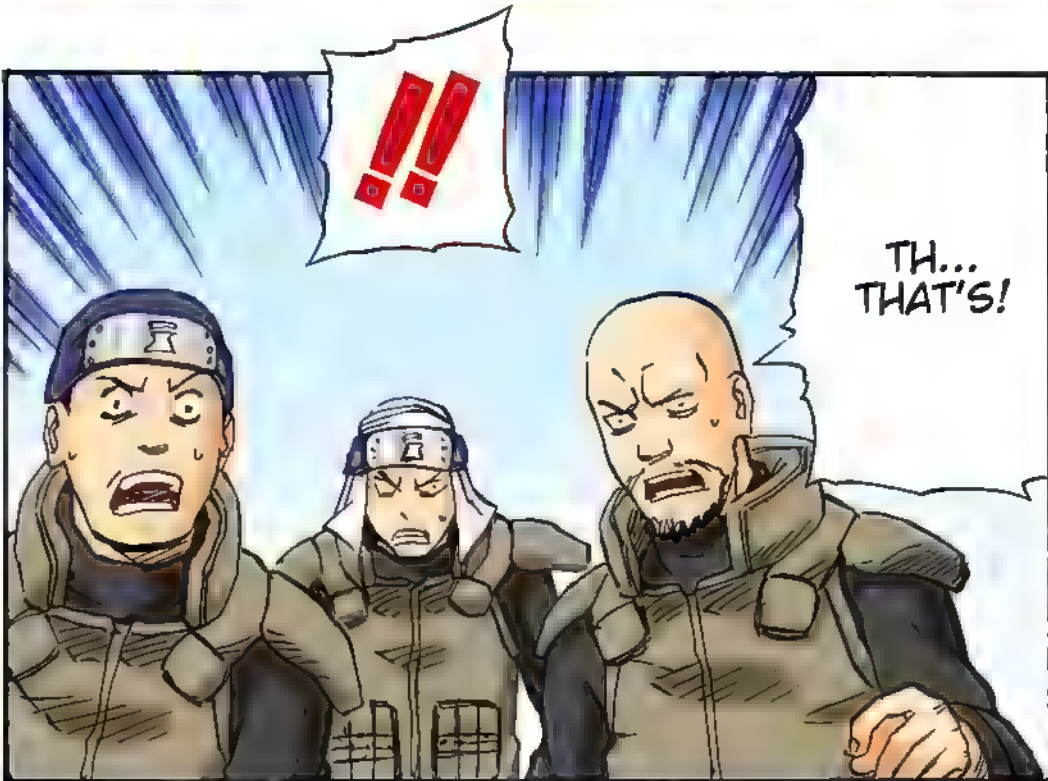
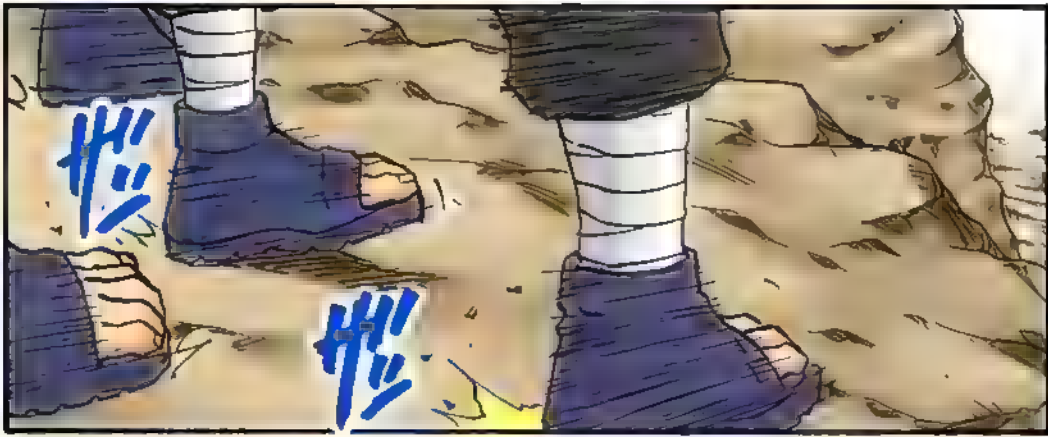


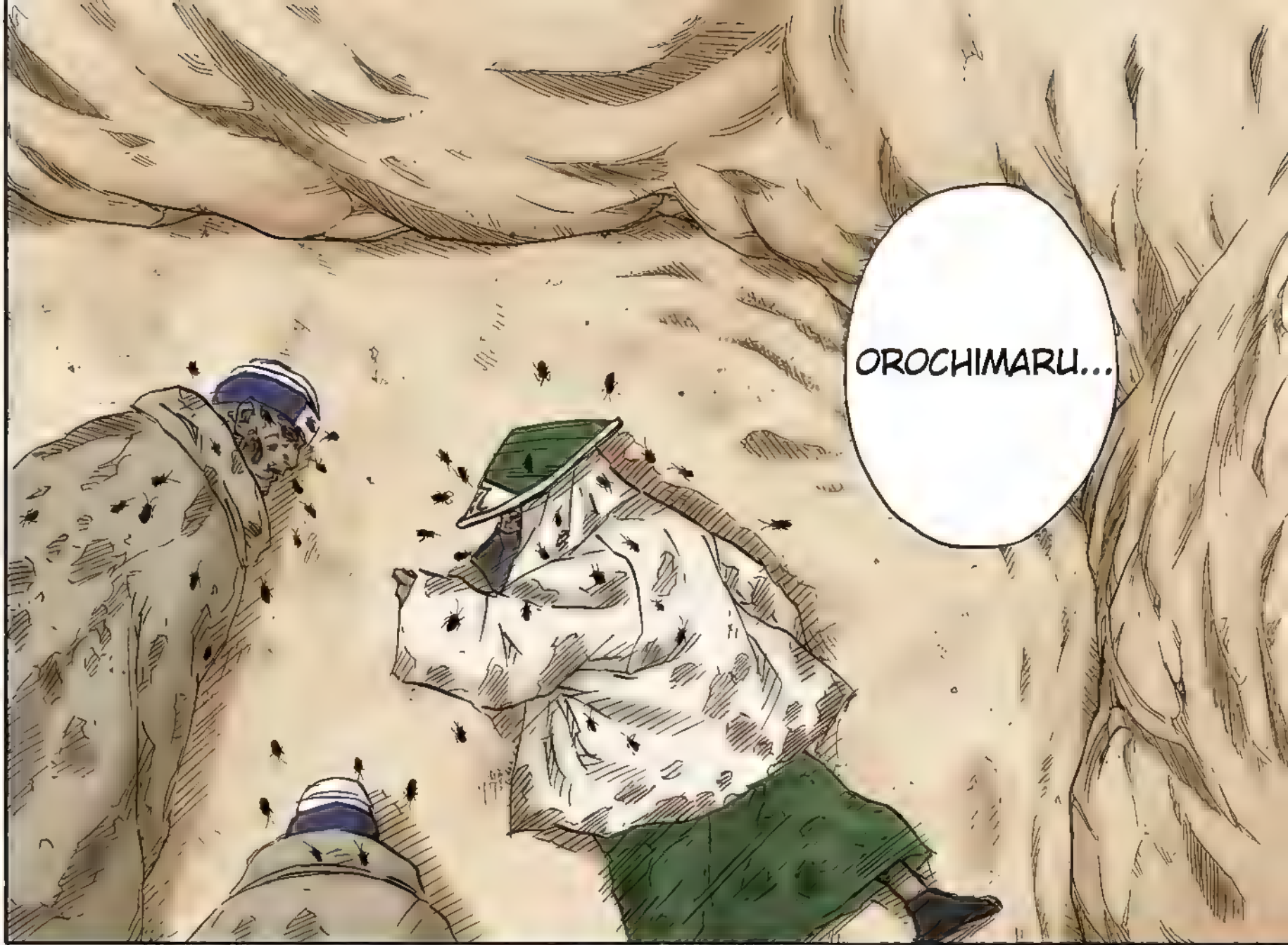
HEH...
HEH...
HEH...

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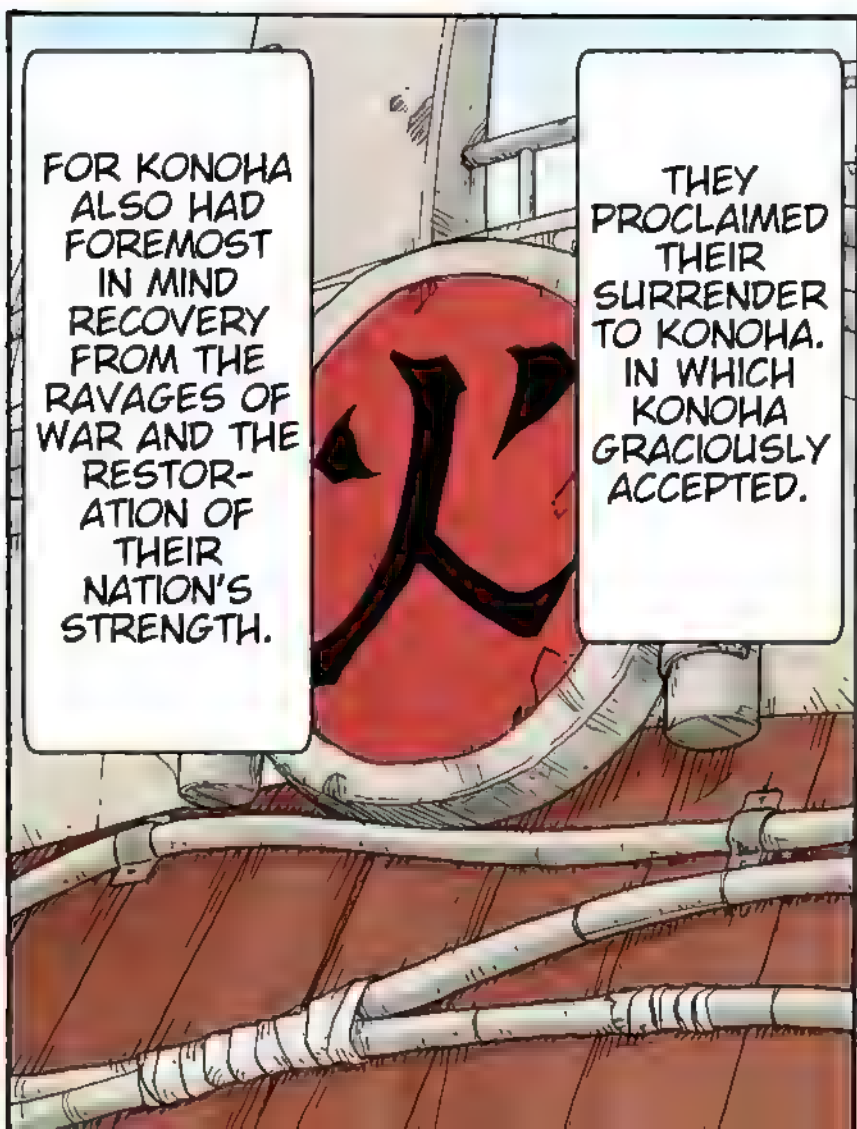


OROCHIMARU...



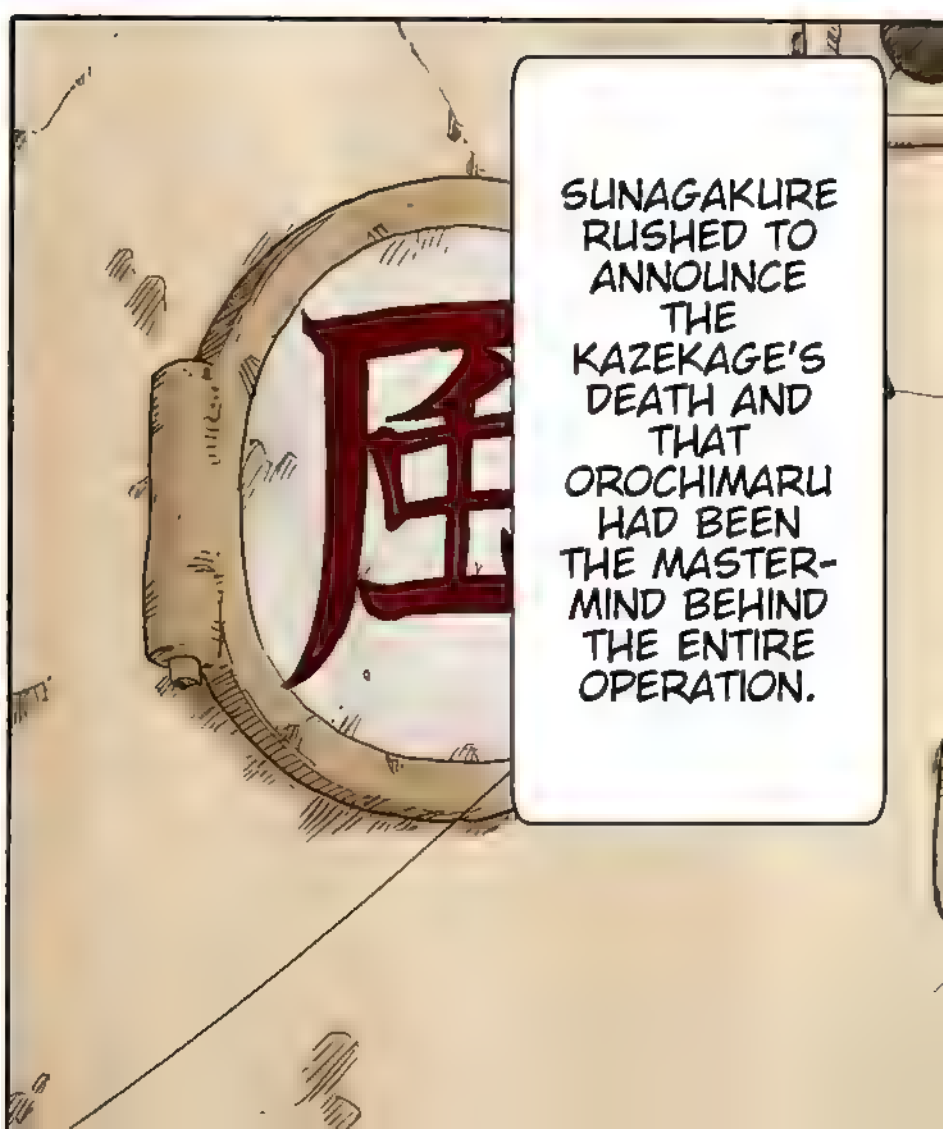
WE WERE CARELESS.

AFTER LORD KAZEKAGE'S ASSASSINATION, OROCHIMARU... OR PERHAPS KABUTO... ASSUMED HIS IDENTITY...

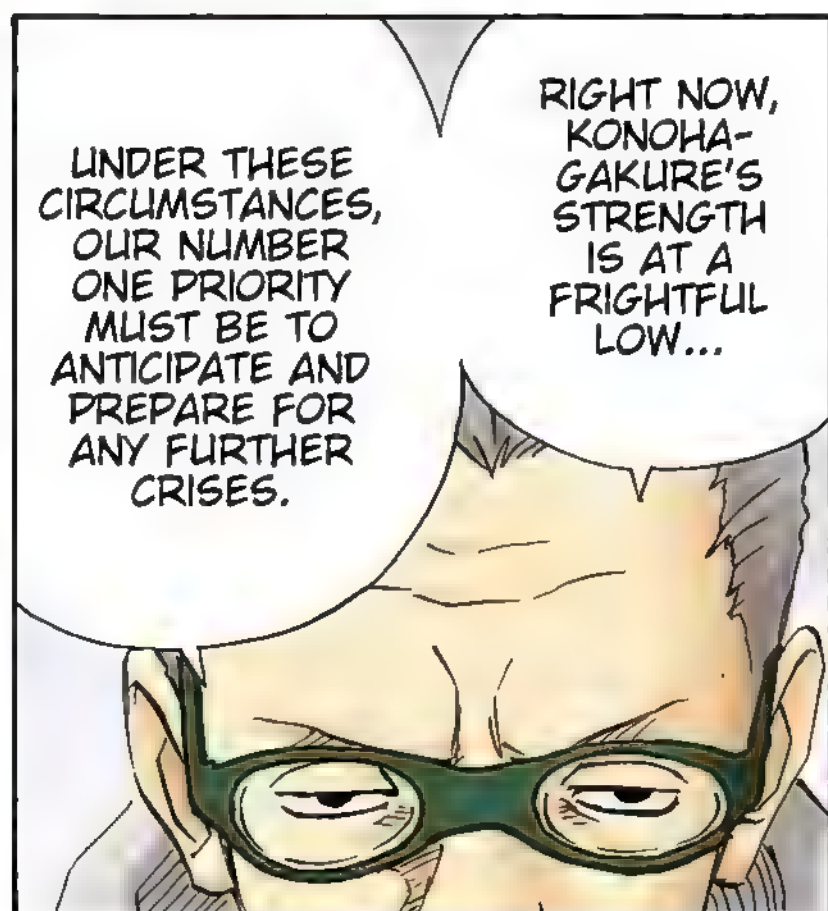
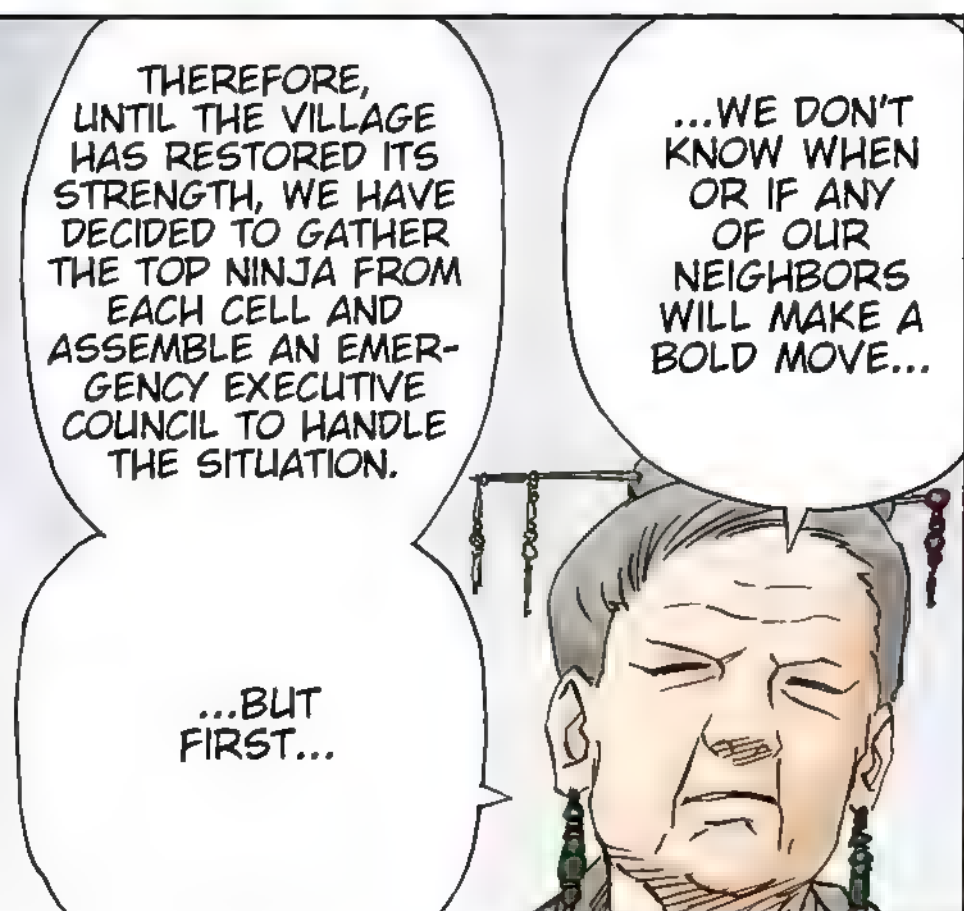
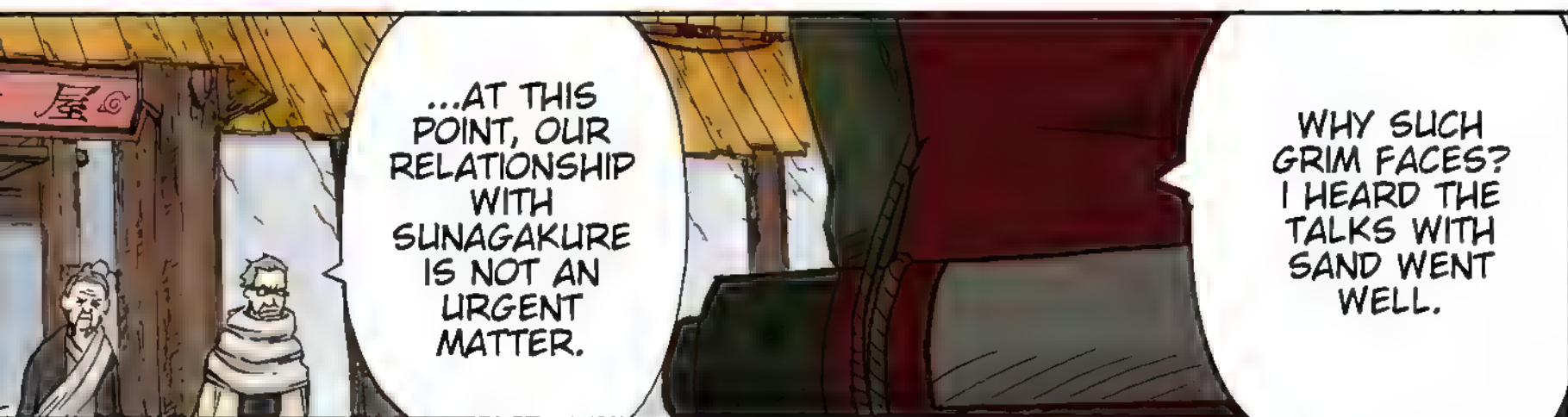


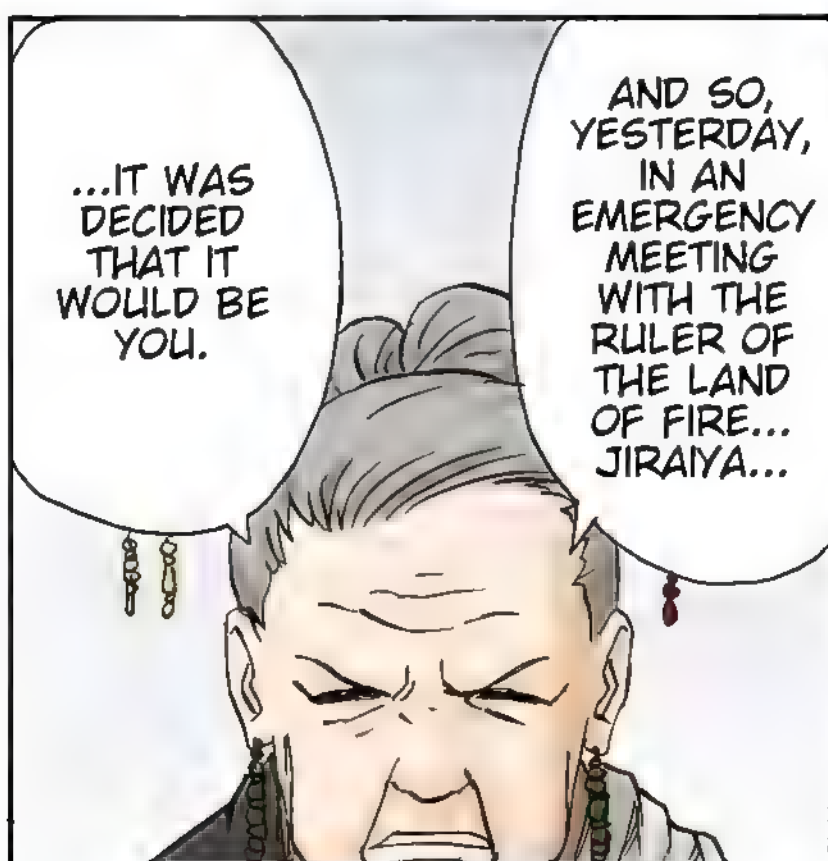
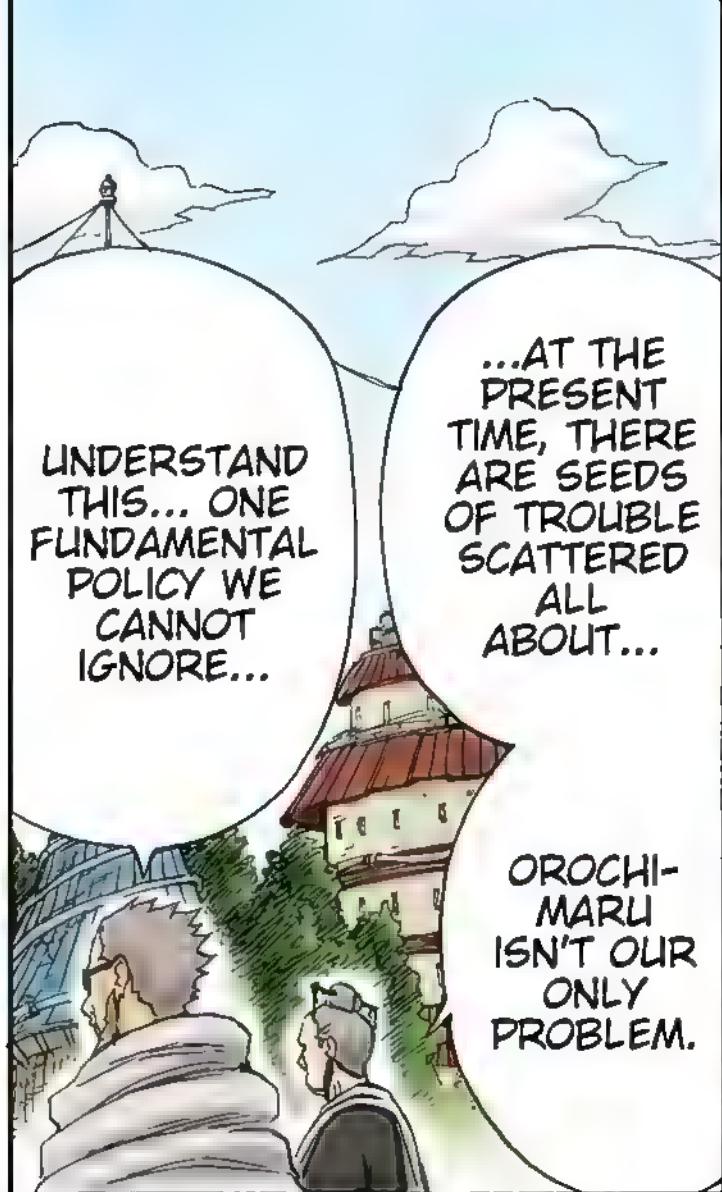
FOR KONOHA ALSO HAD FOREMOST IN MIND RECOVERY FROM THE RAVAGES OF WAR AND THE RESTORATION OF THEIR NATION'S STRENGTH.

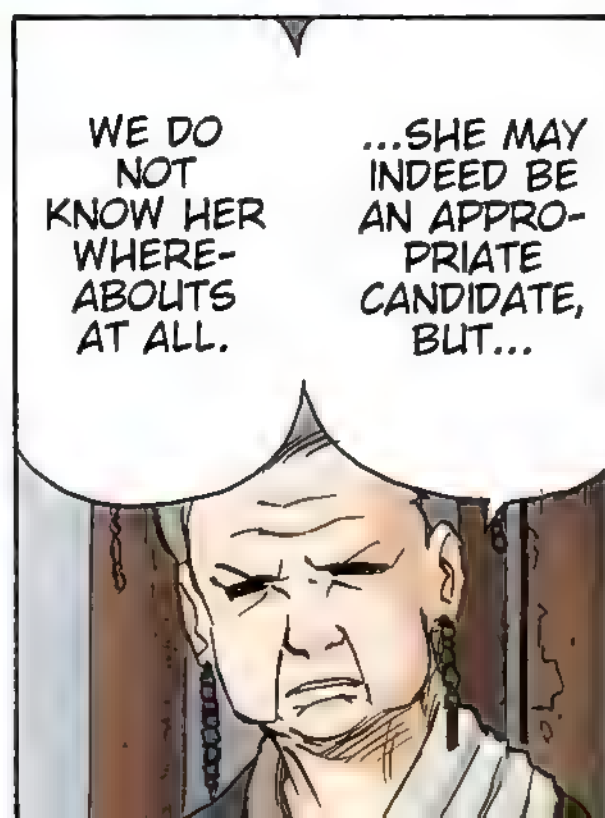
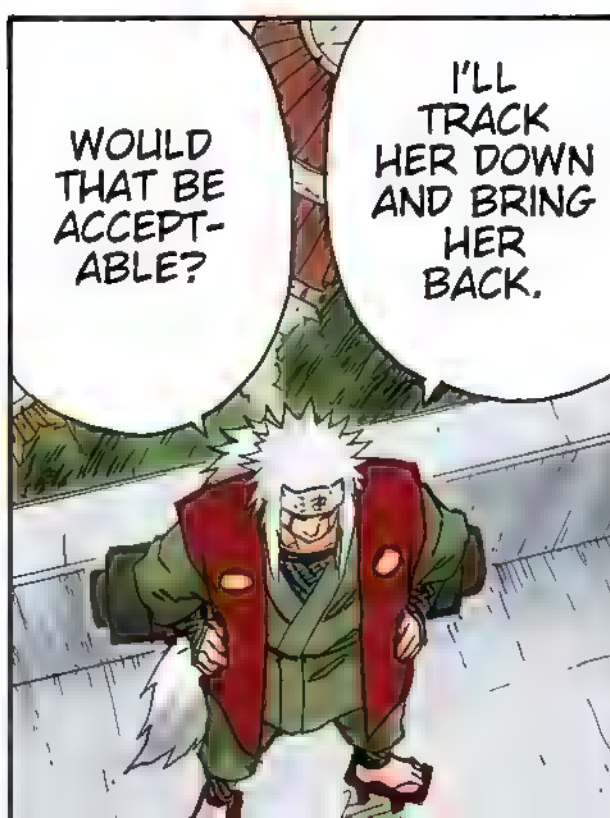
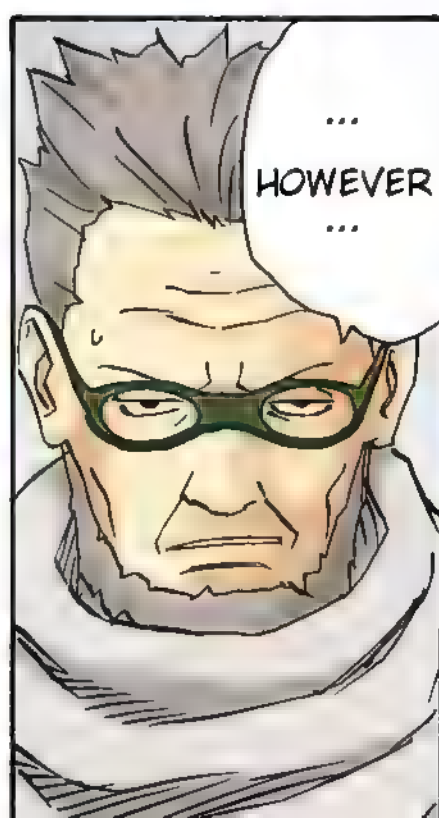
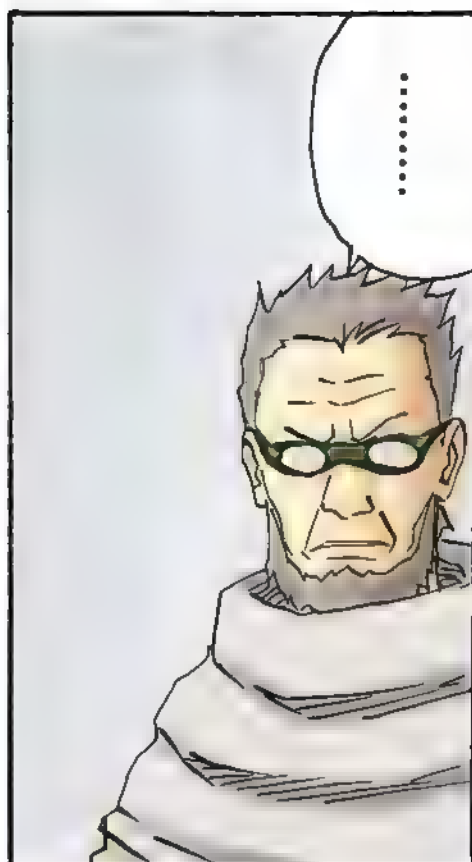
THEY PROCLAIMED THEIR SURRENDER TO KONOHA. IN WHICH KONOHA GRACIOUSLY ACCEPTED.



SUNAGAKURE RUSHED TO ANNOUNCE THE KAZEKAGE'S DEATH AND THAT OROCHIMARU HAD BEEN THE MASTER-MIND BEHIND THE ENTIRE OPERATION.



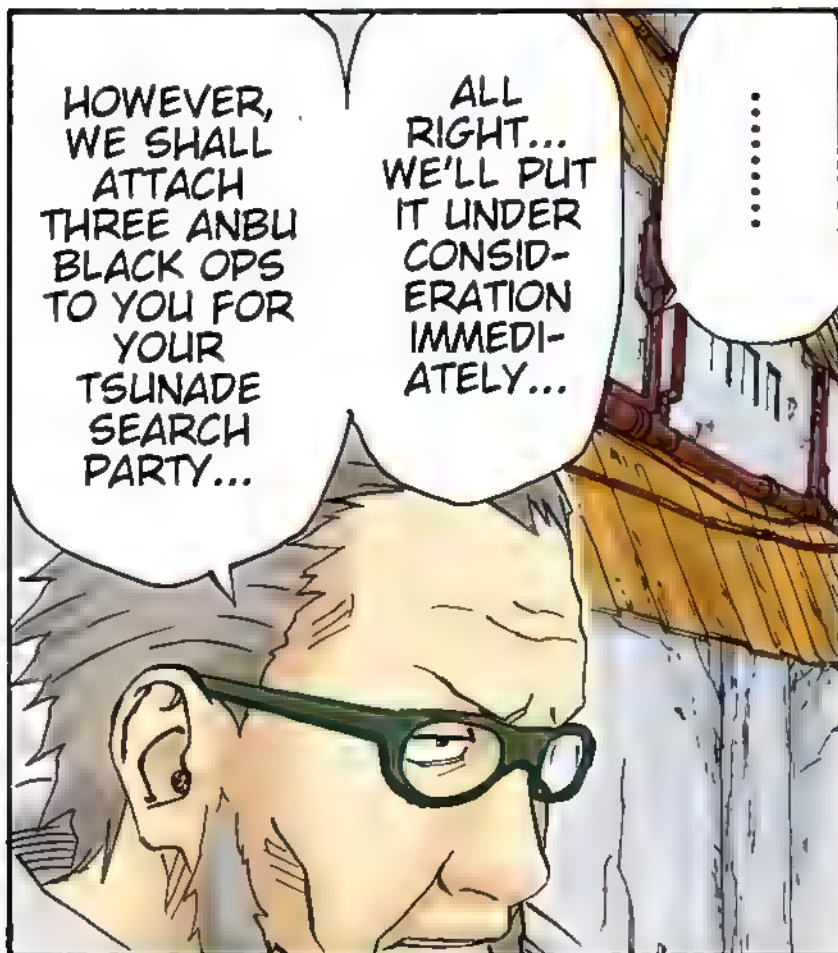






THE SHARP
GO-GETTING
PRINCESS
TSUNADE IS
MUCH BETTER
SUITED FOR
HOKAGE.

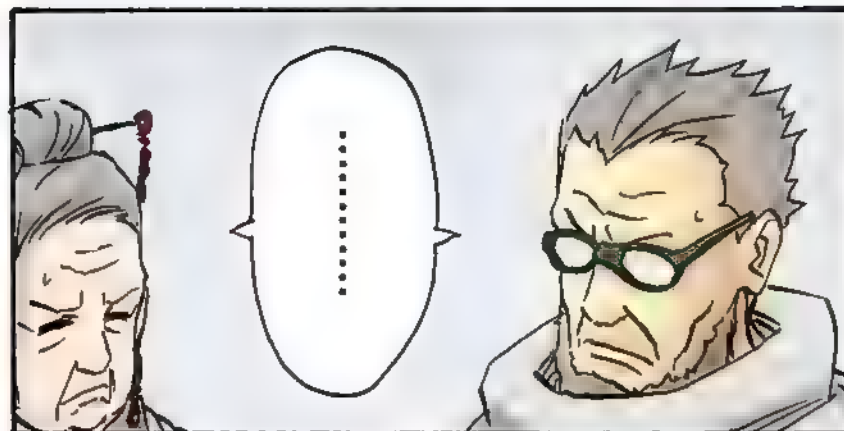
AS
OPPOSED
TO UN-
WILLING,
APATHETIC
ME...



HOWEVER,
WE SHALL
ATTACH
THREE ANBU
BLACK OPS
TO YOU FOR
YOUR
TSUNADE
SEARCH
PARTY...

ALL
RIGHT...
WE'LL PUT
IT UNDER
CONSID-
ERATION
IMMEDI-
ATELY...

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WELL...?

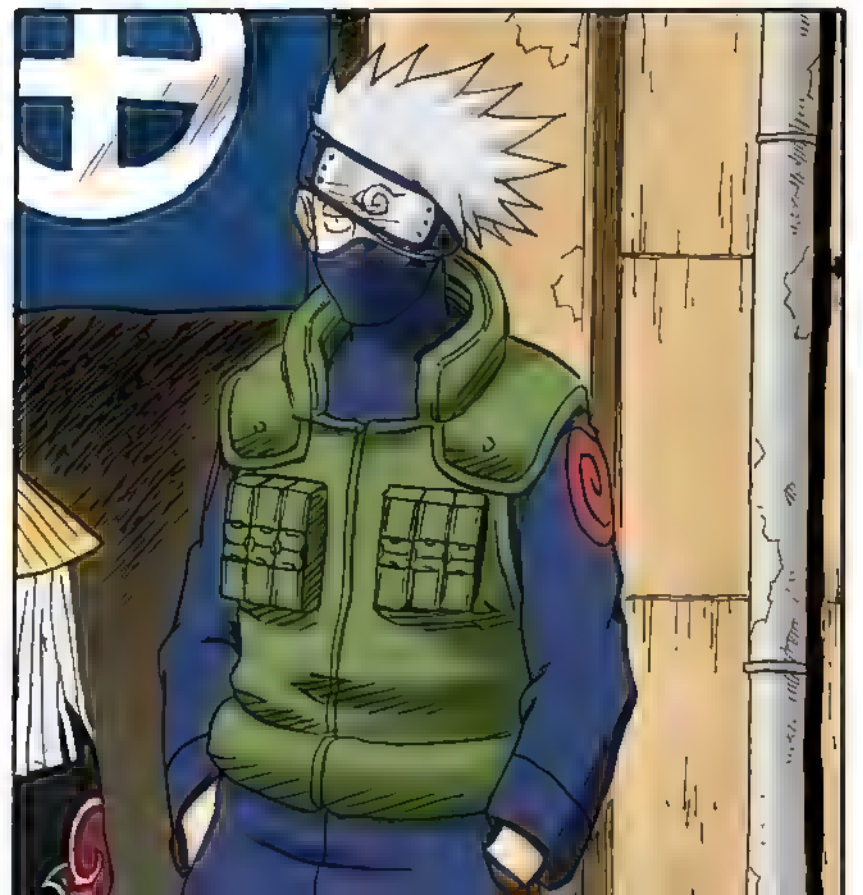
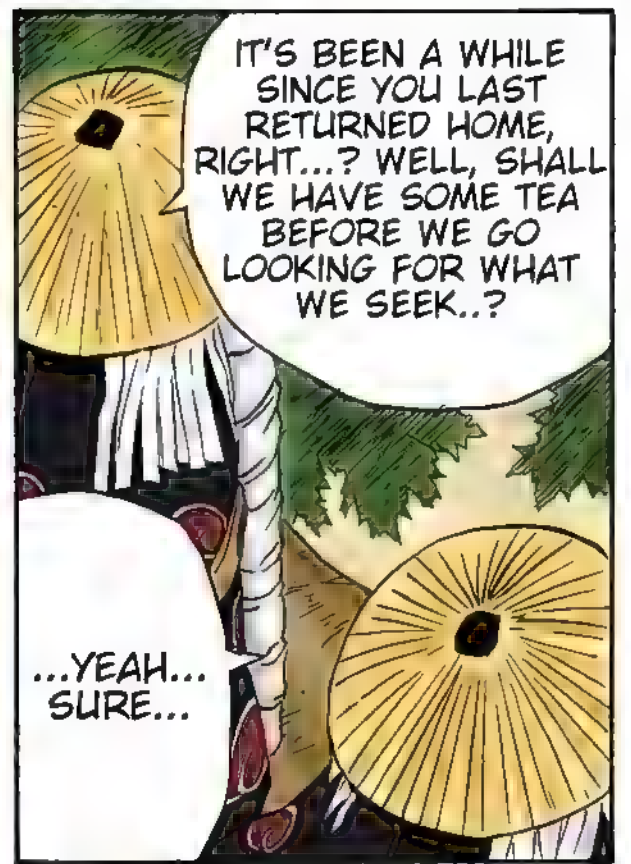
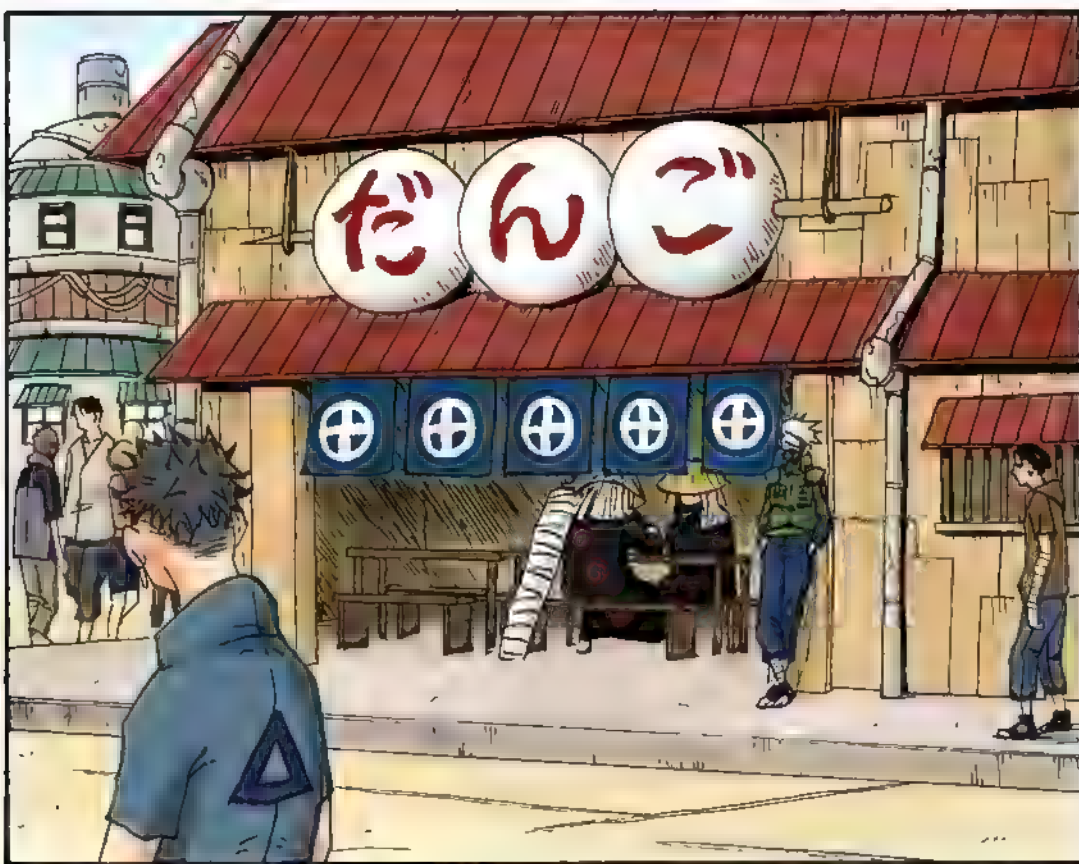


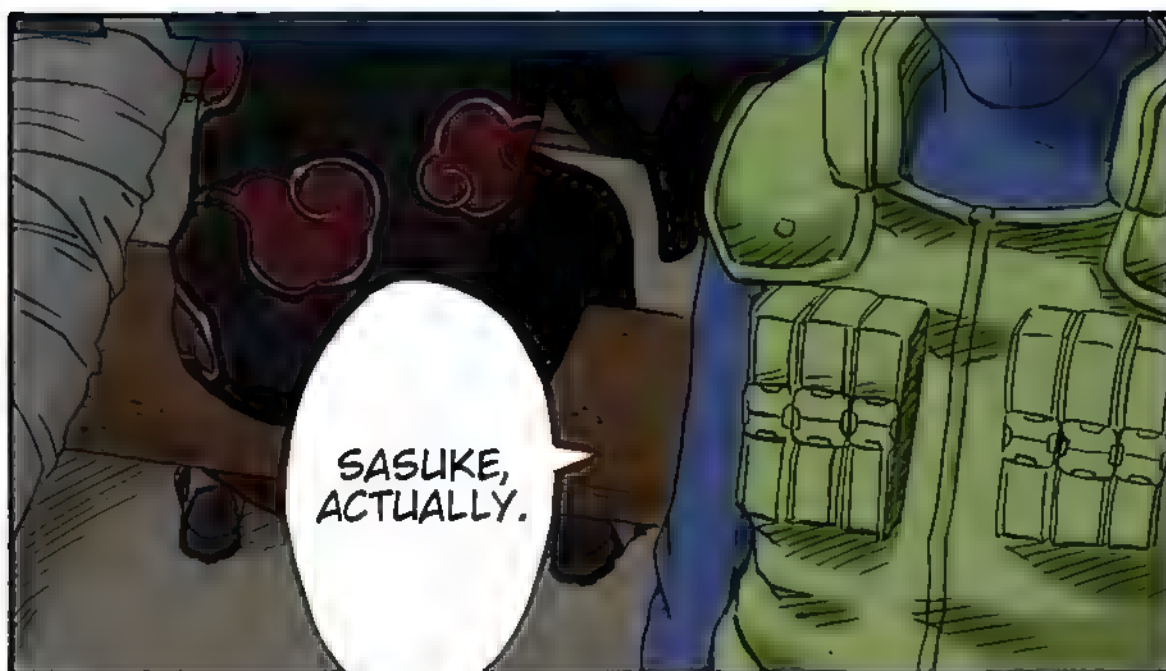
JUST...
THERE IS
ONE
FELLOW I'D
LIKE TO
TAKE WITH
ME ON MY
TRAVELS.

I'D LIKE
TO SEE
WHAT HE
CAN DO.

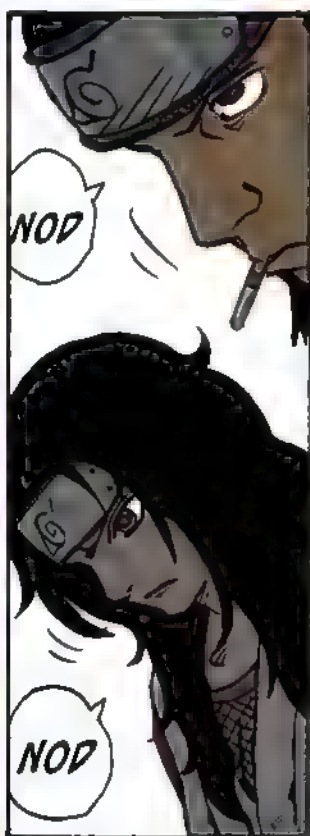
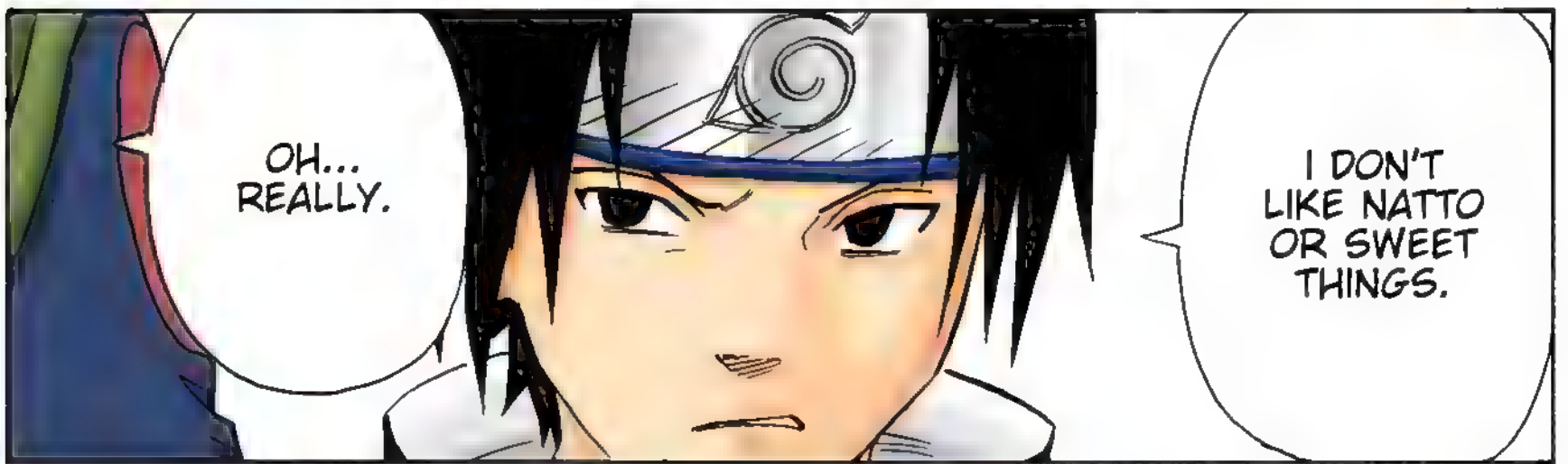
DON'T
WORRY,
I SWEAR
I WON'T
RUN AWAY.

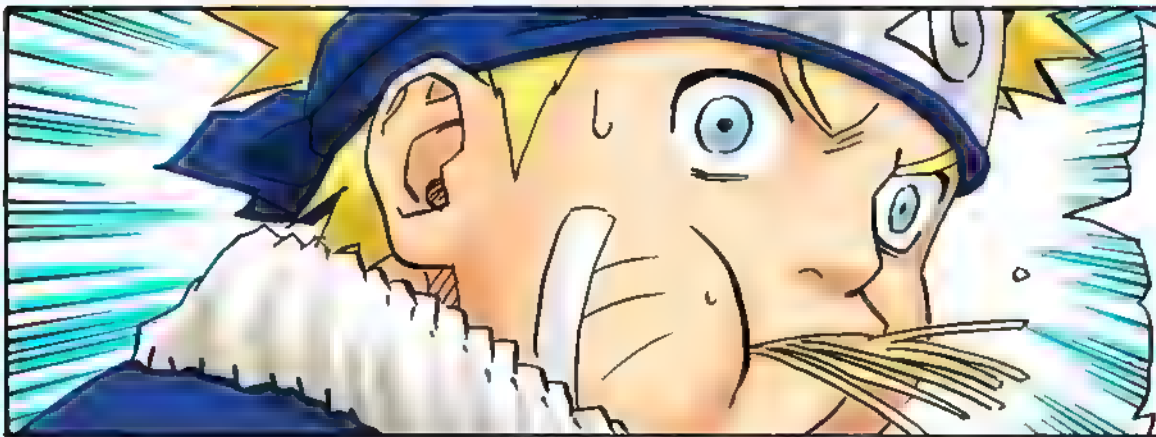
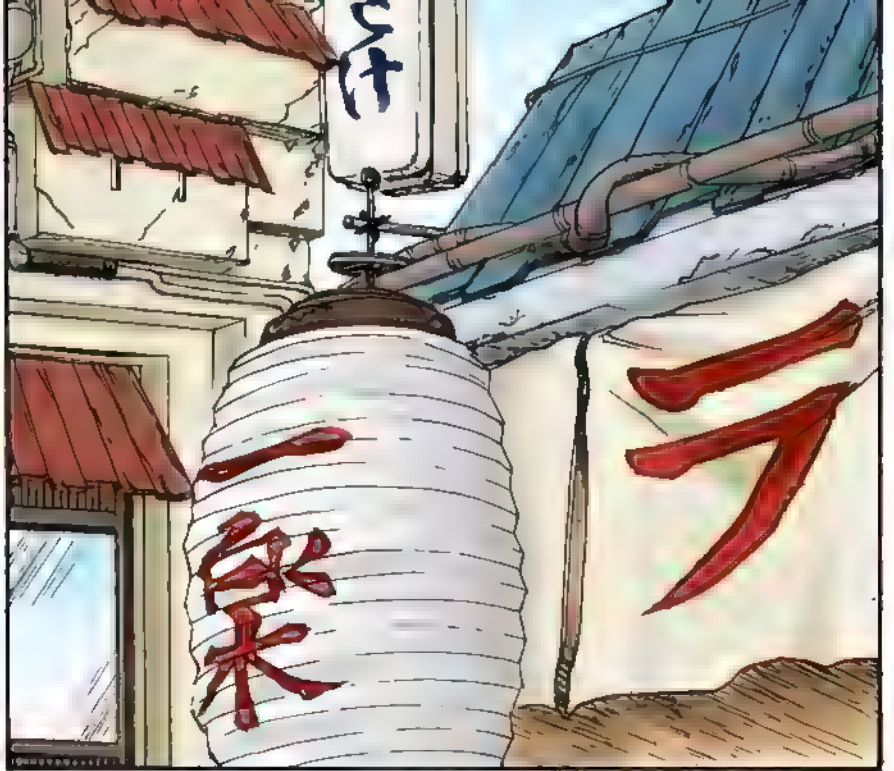
I DON'T
NEED
CHAPERONES.



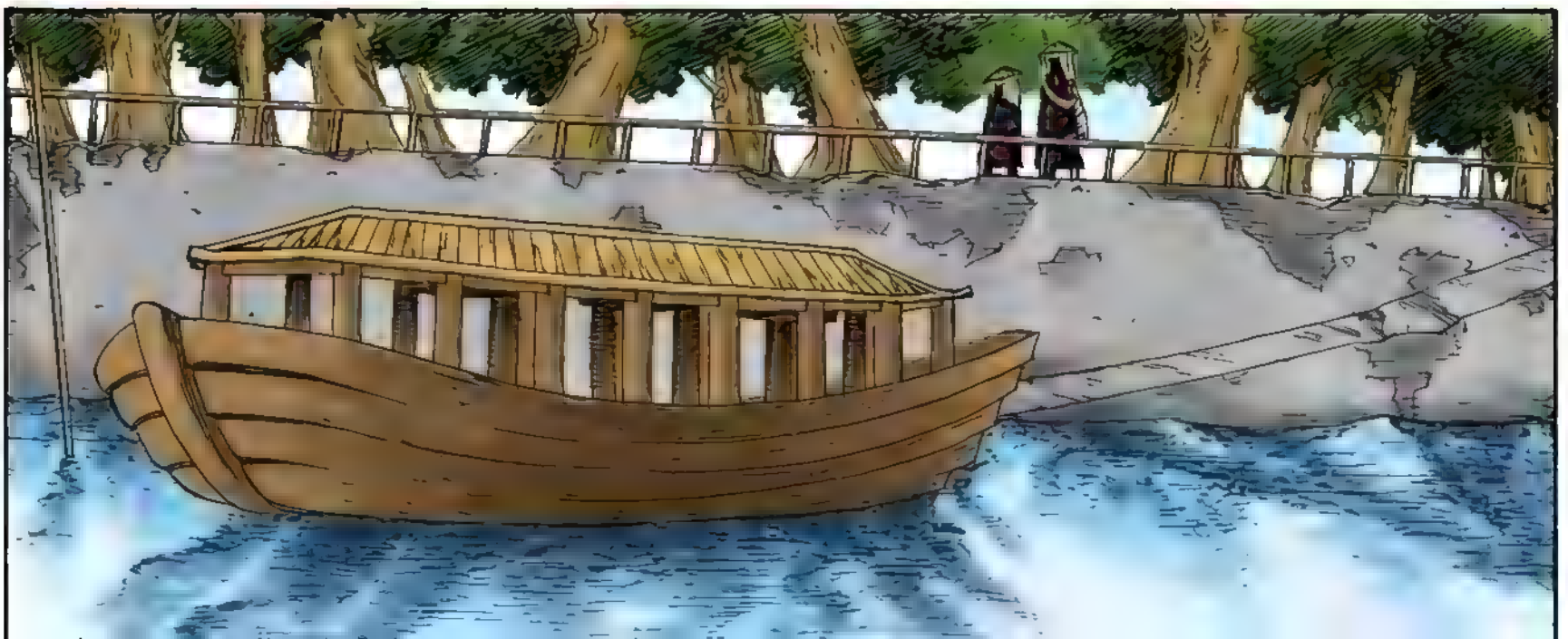


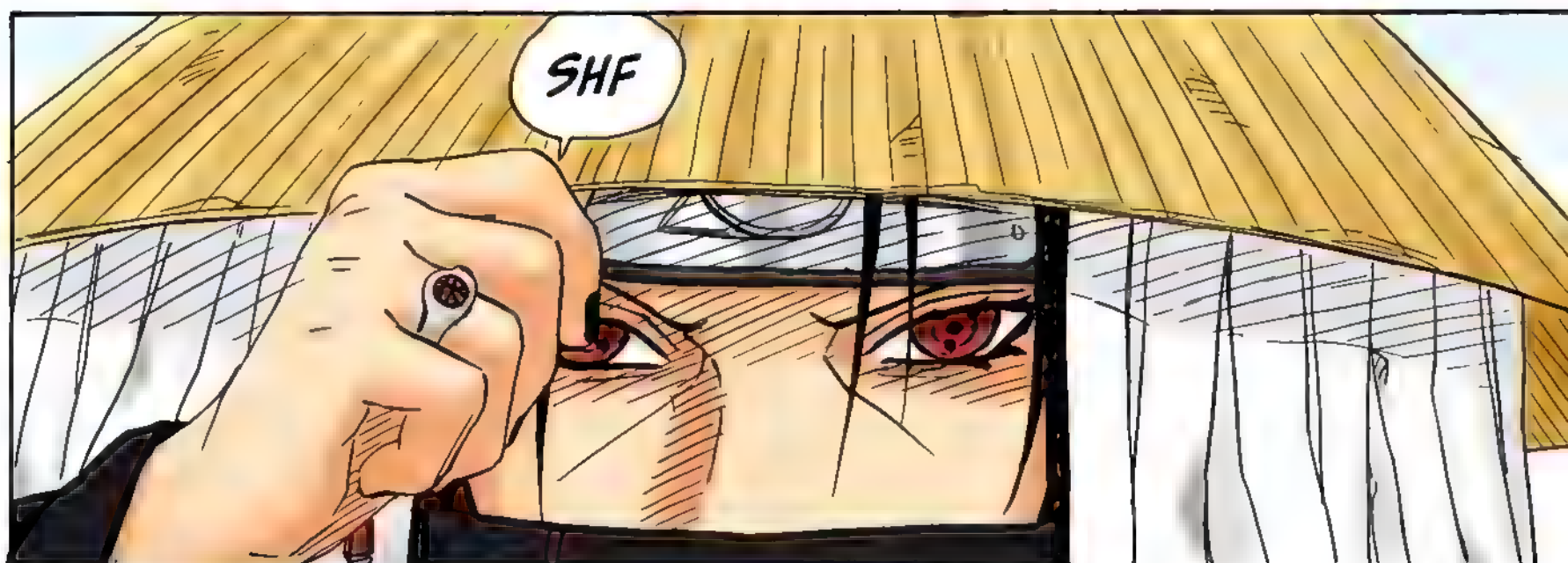






**UNO!
PFERFY
PFAGE!**







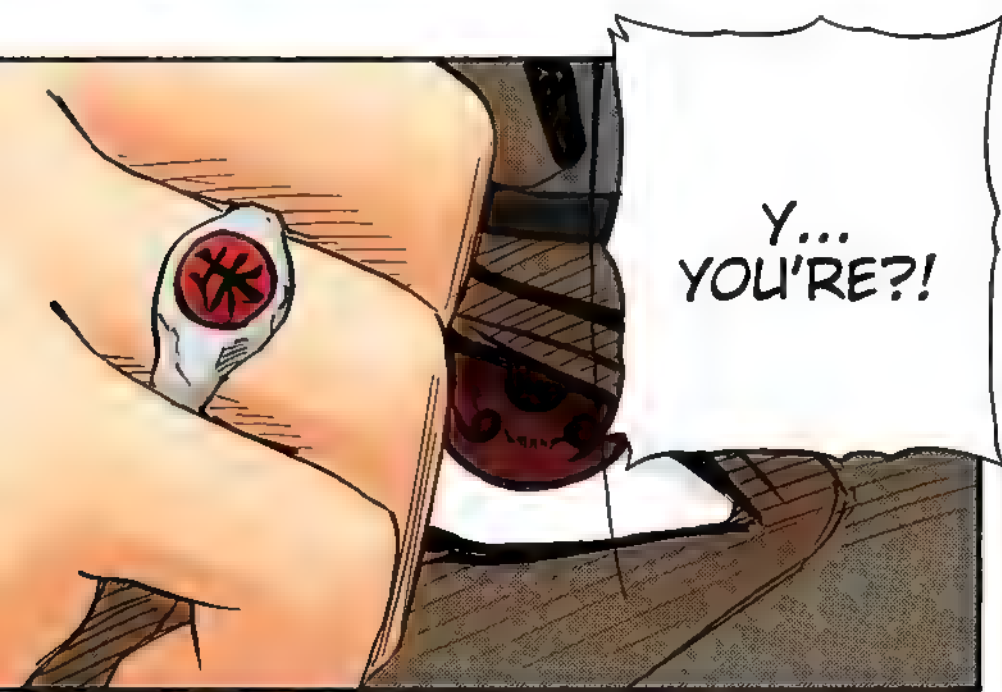
YOU'RE
NOT FROM
THIS
VILLAGE...

WHAT'S
YOUR
BUSINESS
HERE...?



...IF YOU
WERE
SHINOBI
OF THIS
VILLAGE.

YOU COULD
ONLY
KNOW OUR
NAMES...



Y...
YOU'RE?!

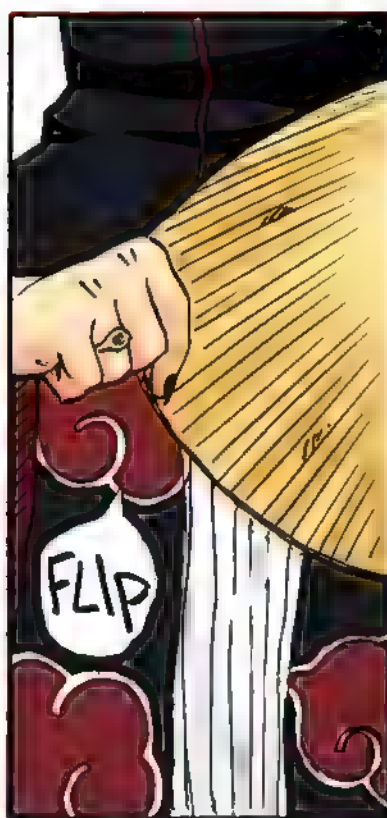




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UCHIHA iTACHI!!





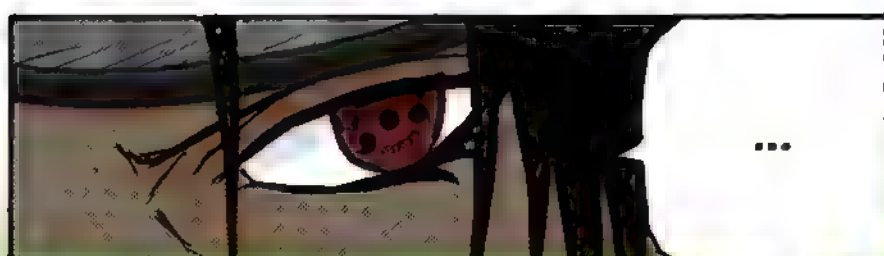
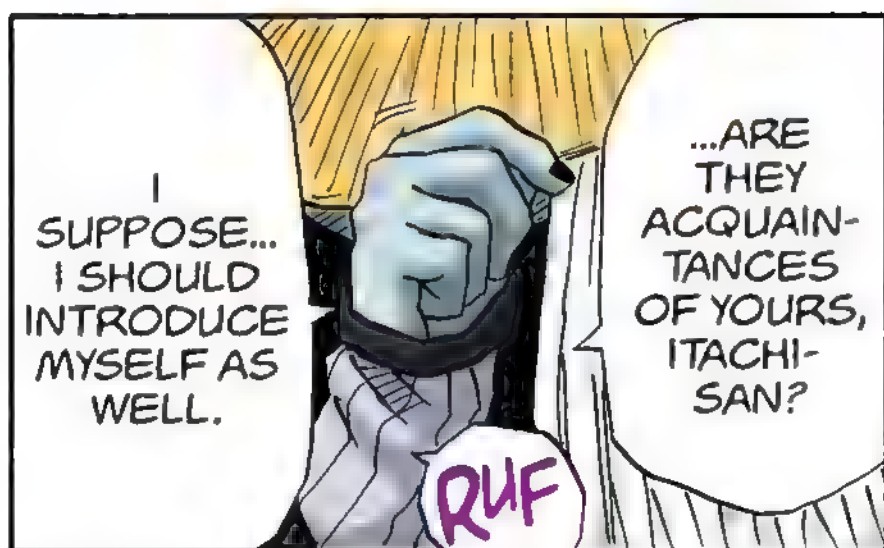
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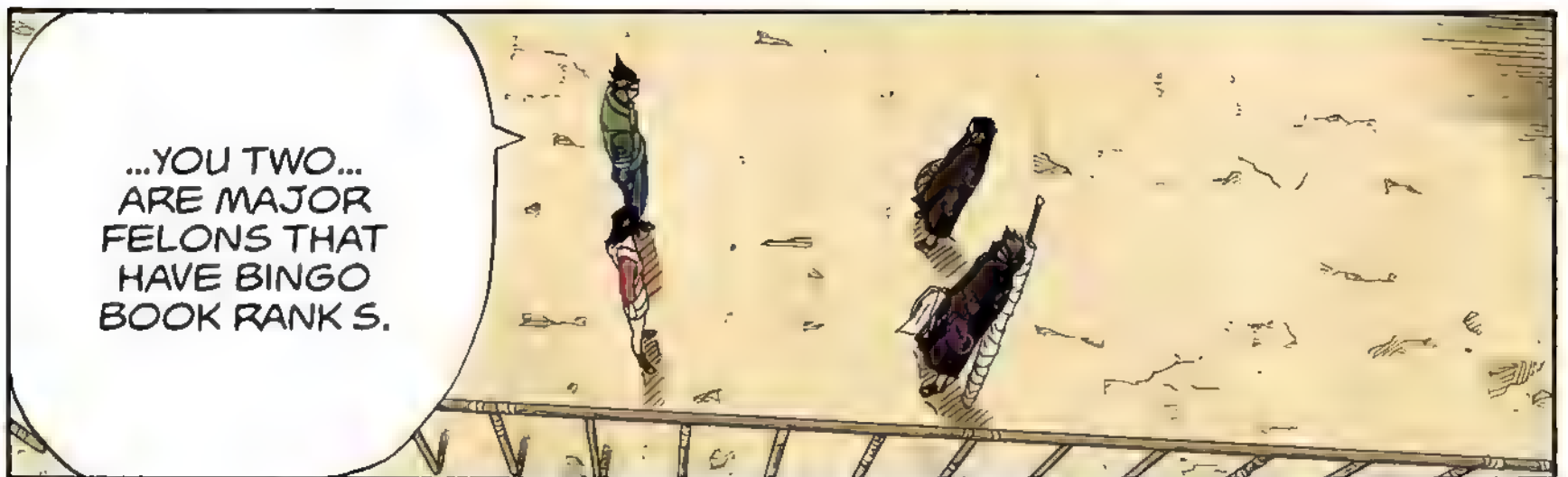


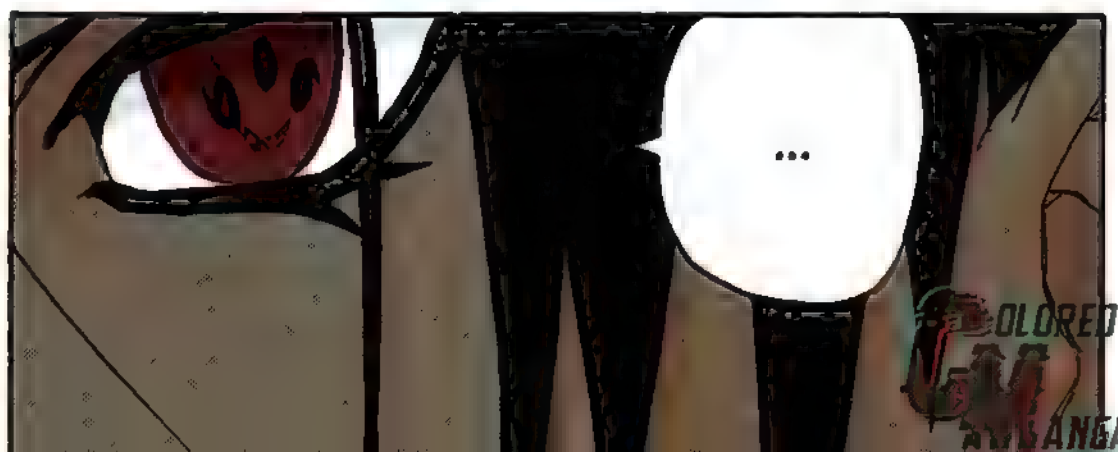
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UCHIHA
ITACHI.

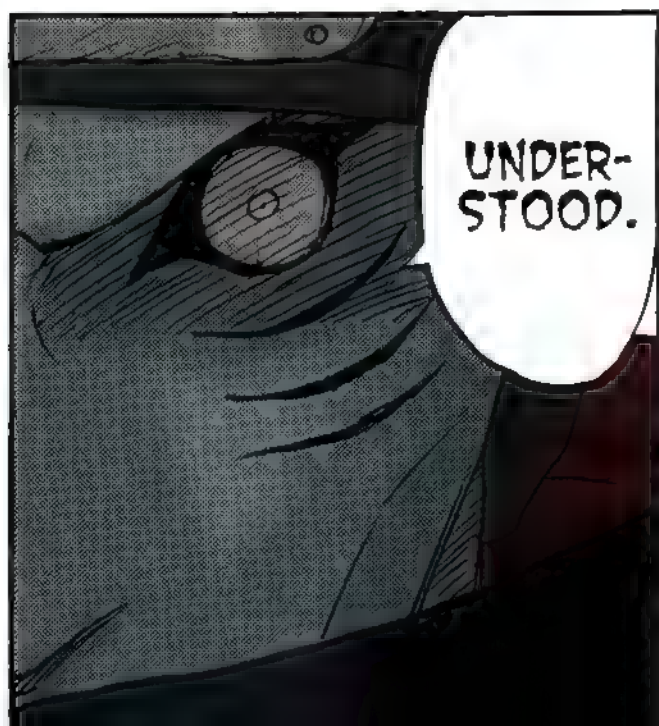
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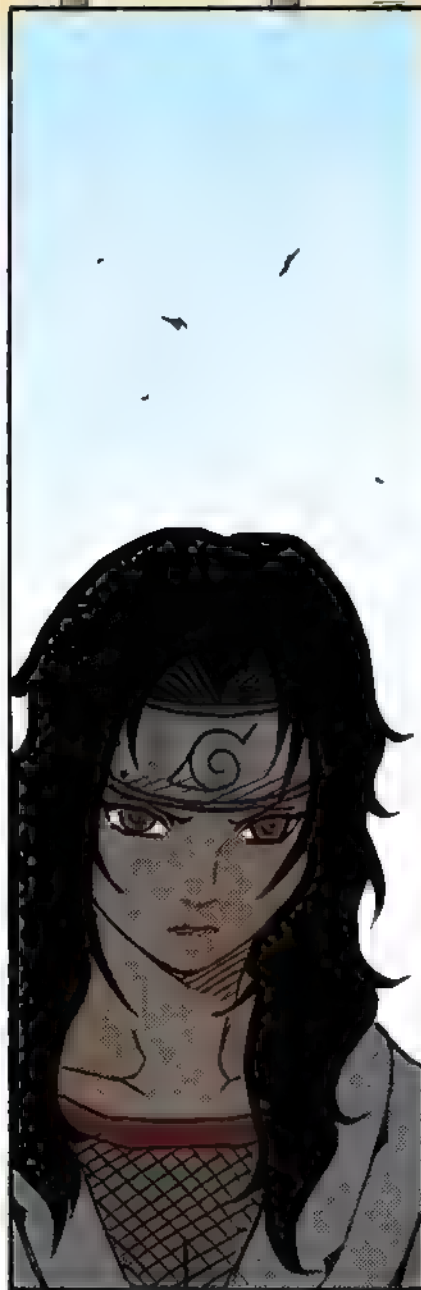




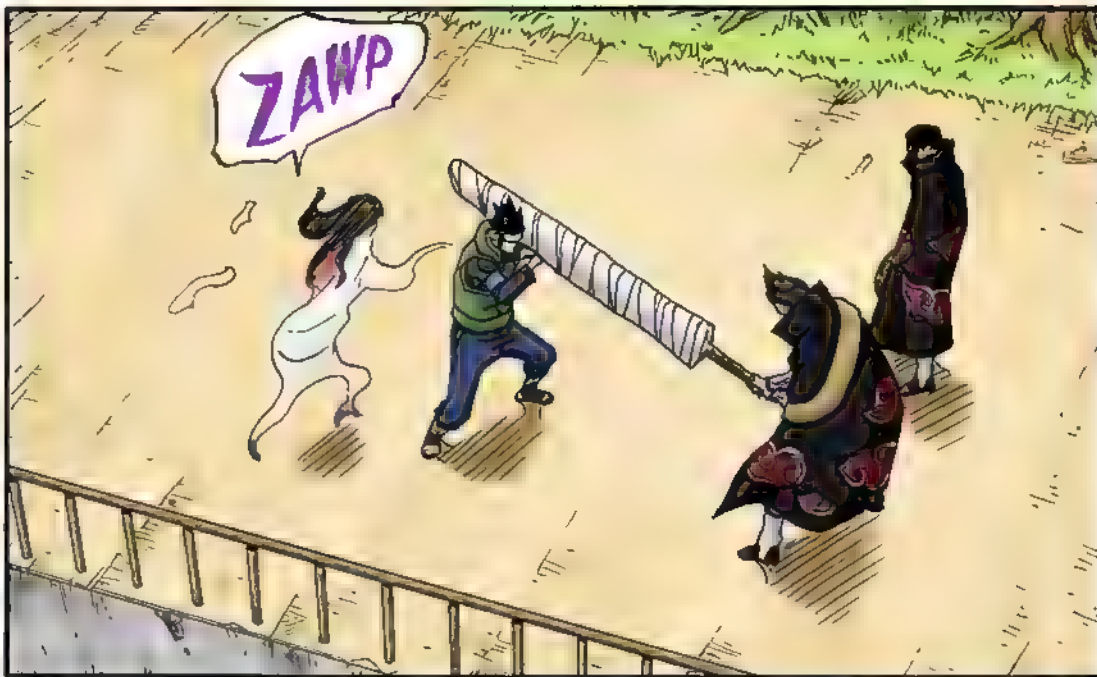
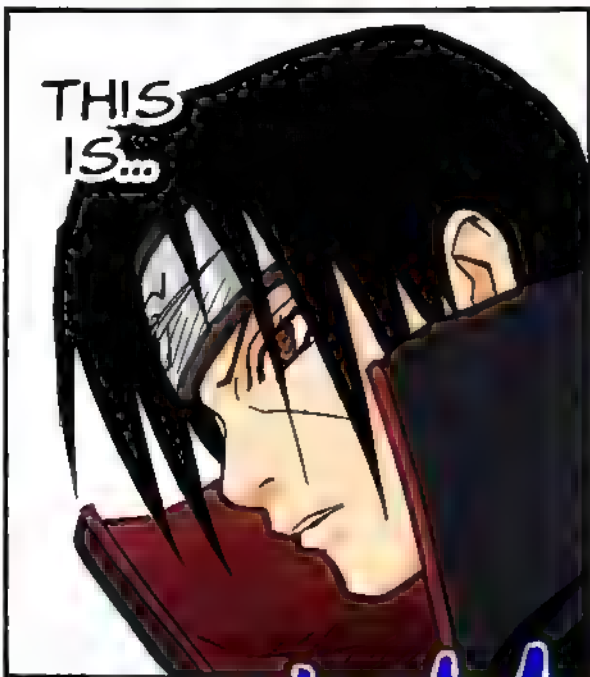


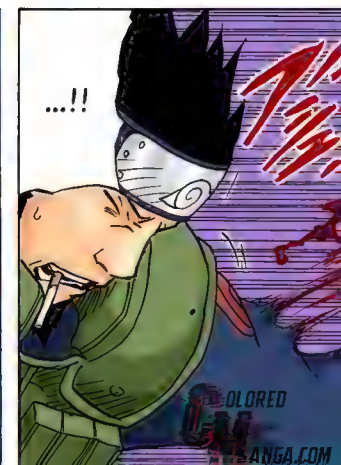
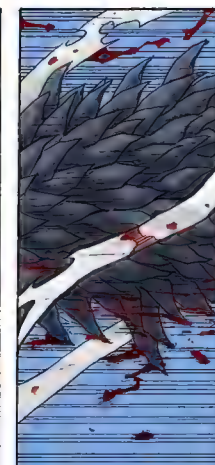
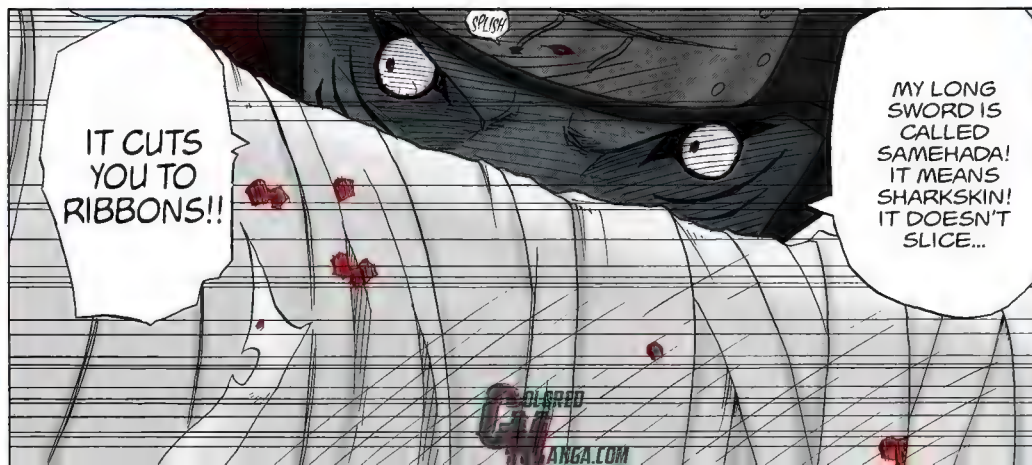
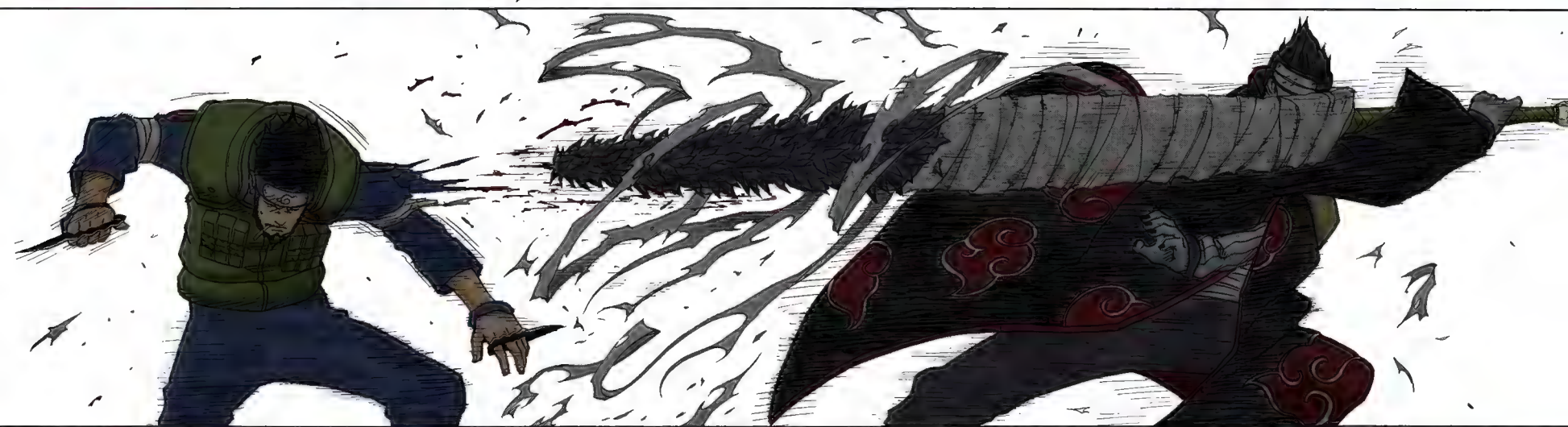
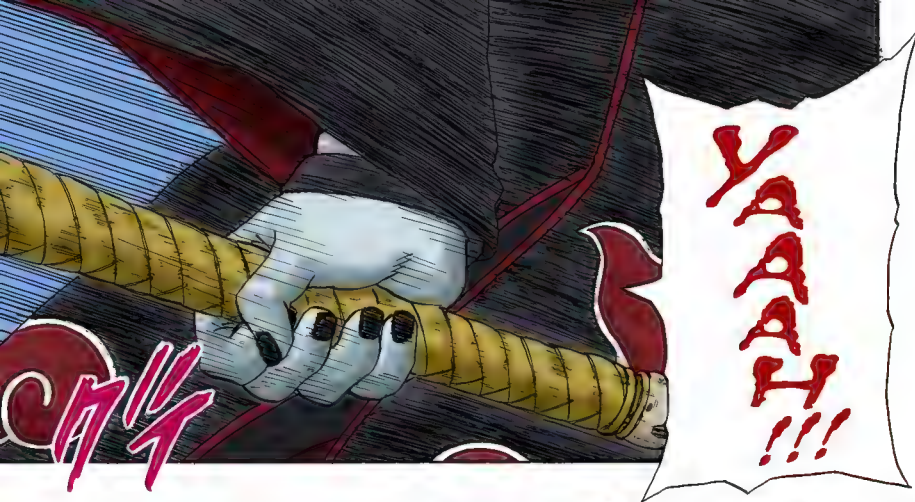


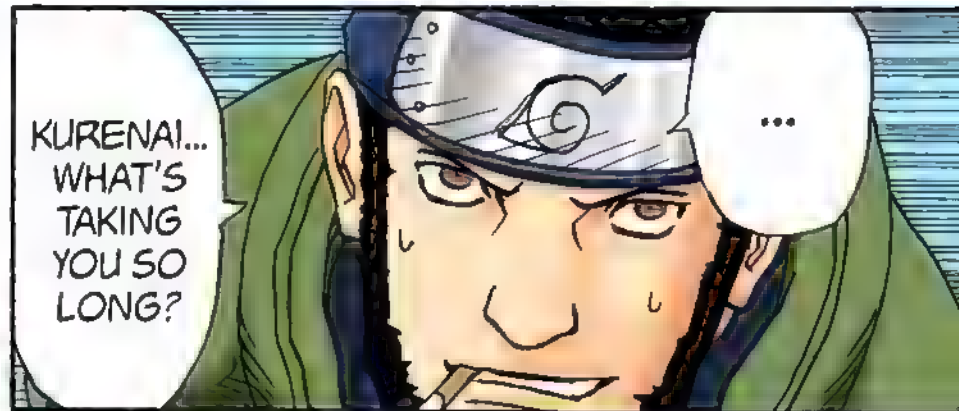
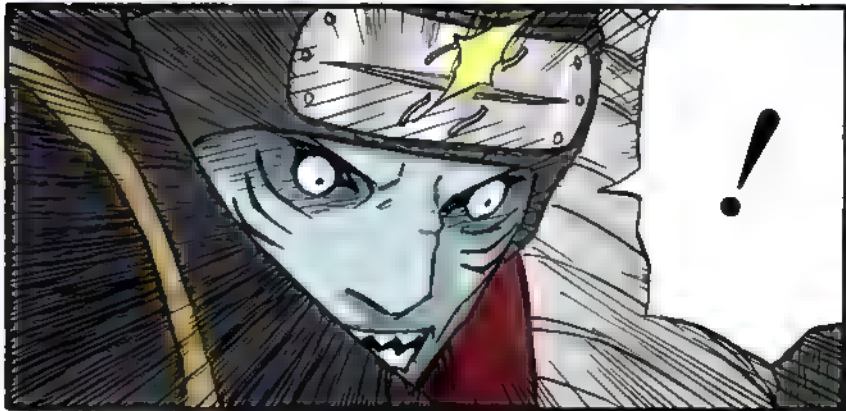


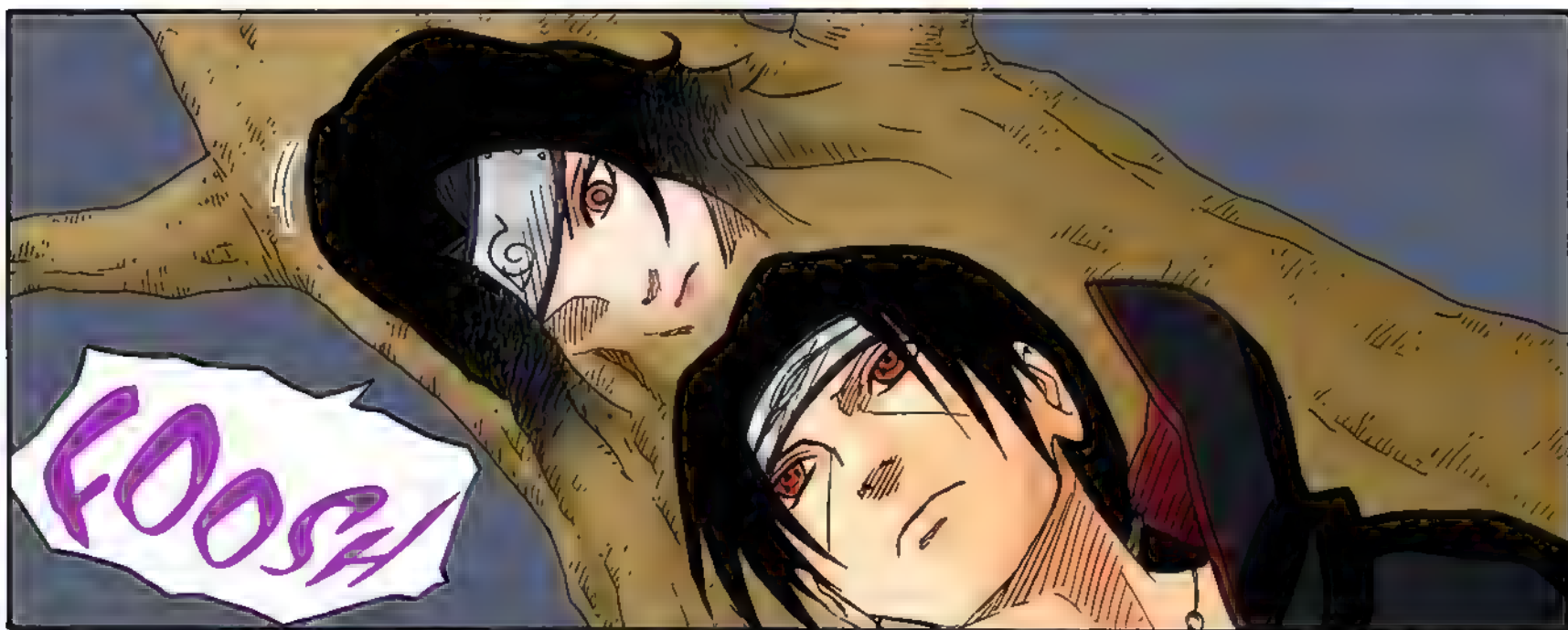


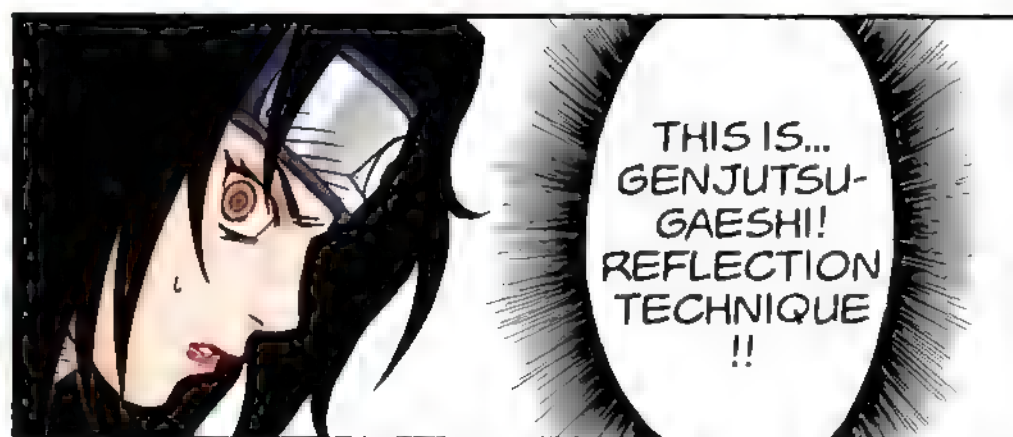
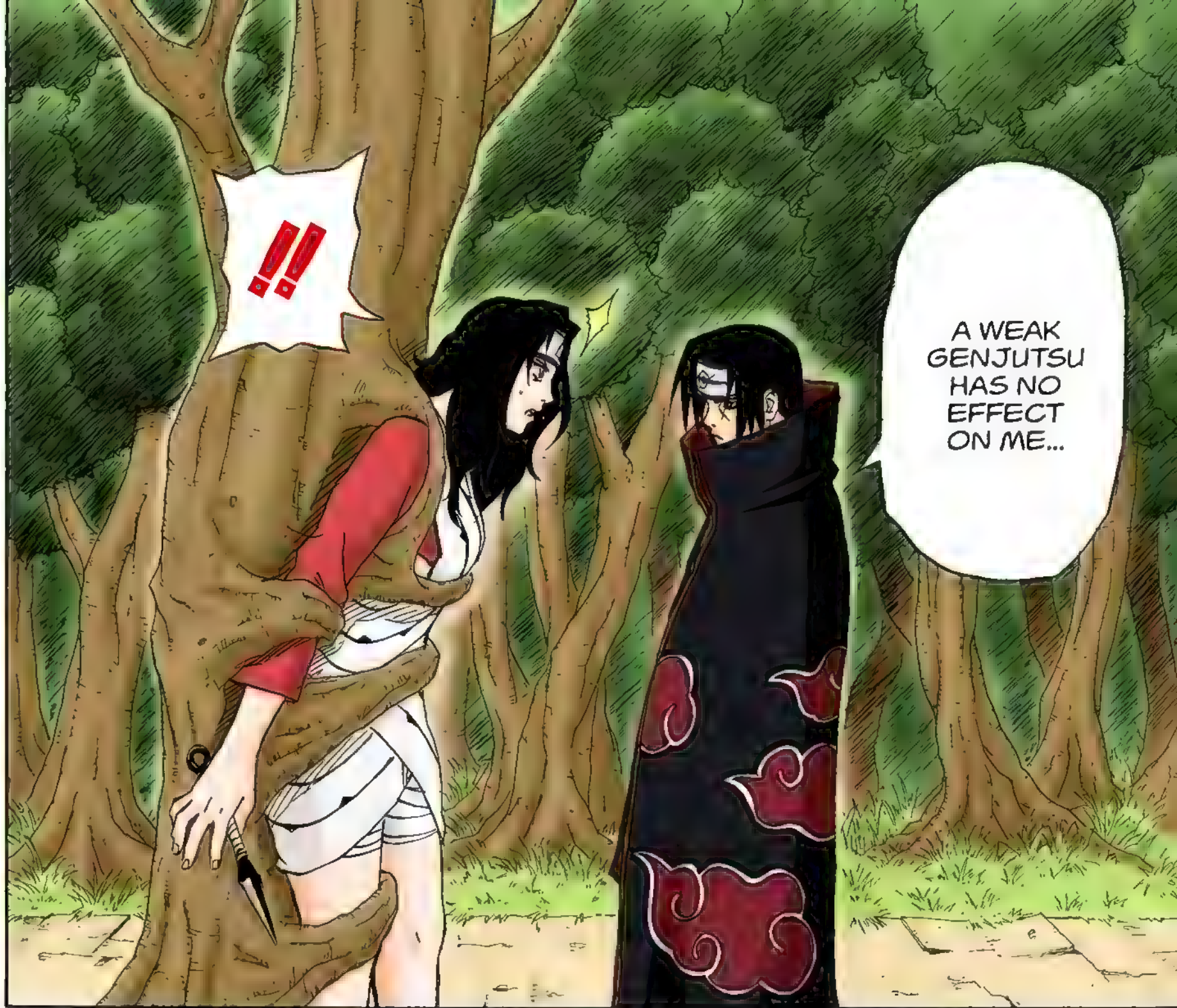


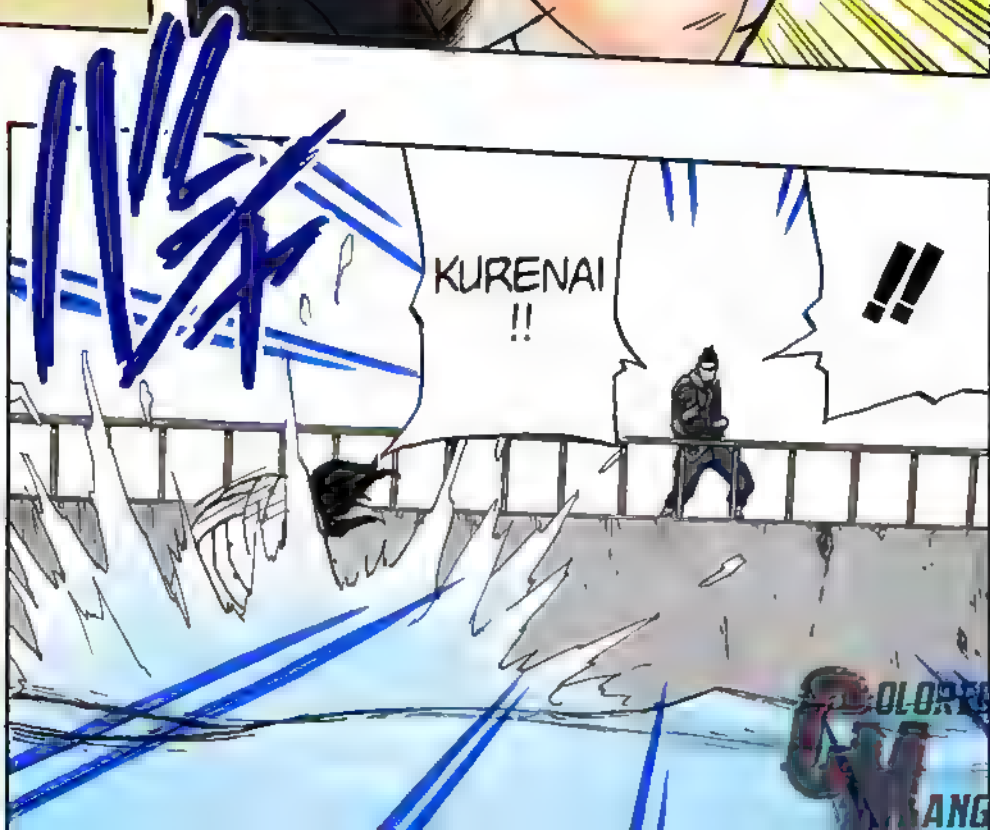
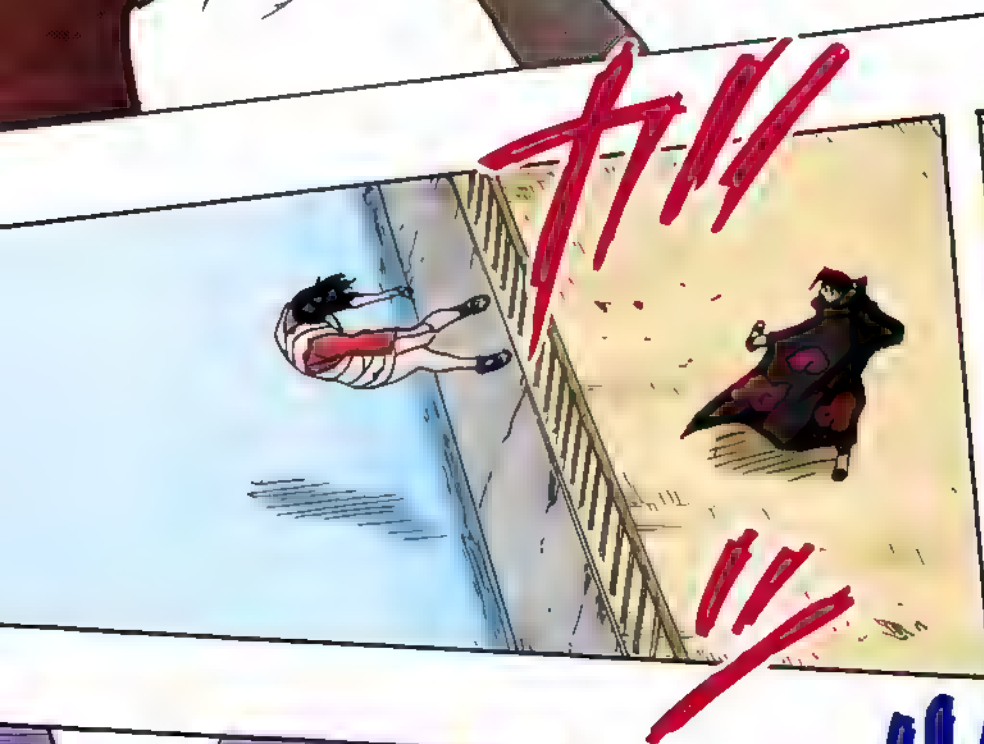


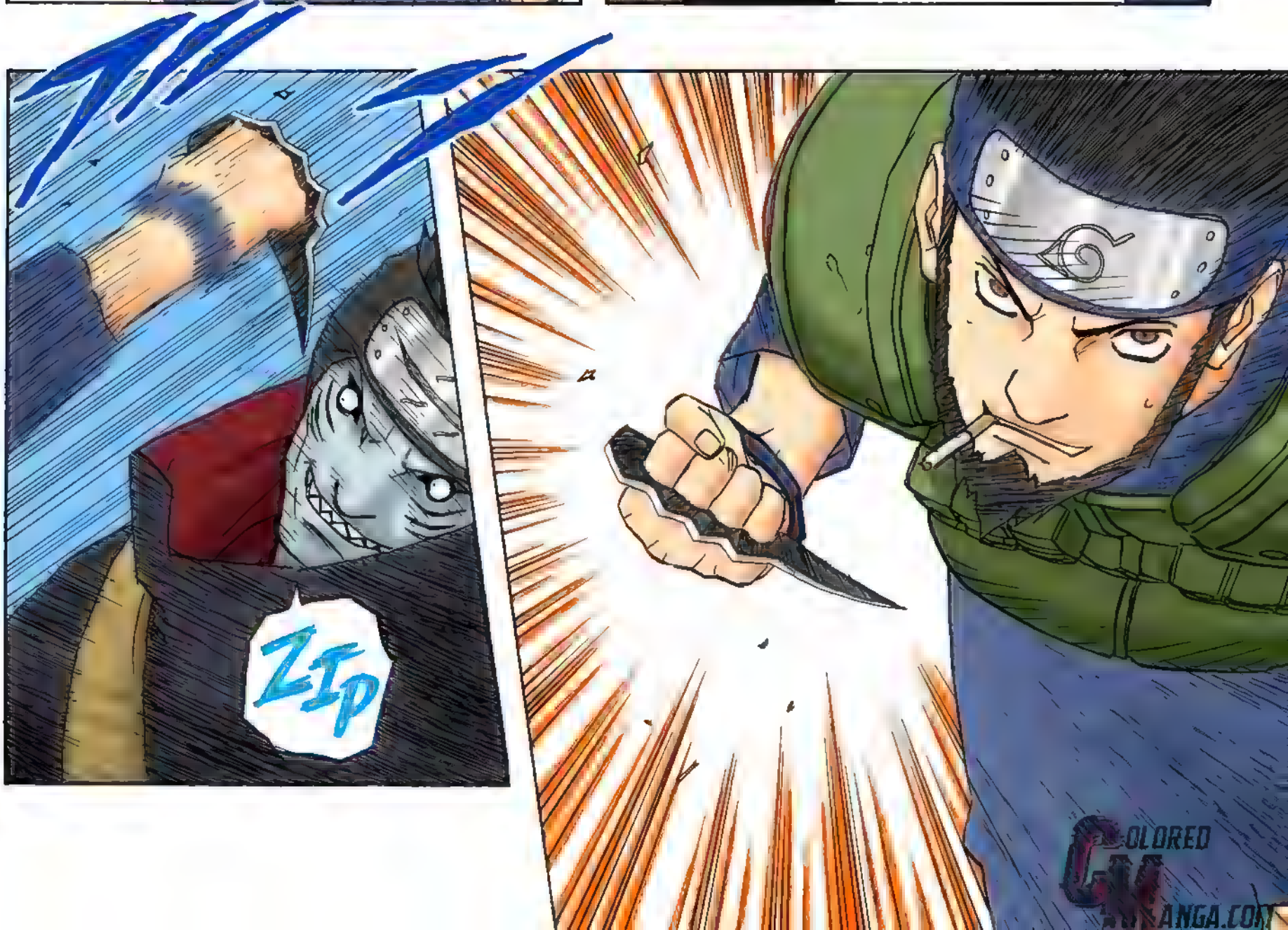


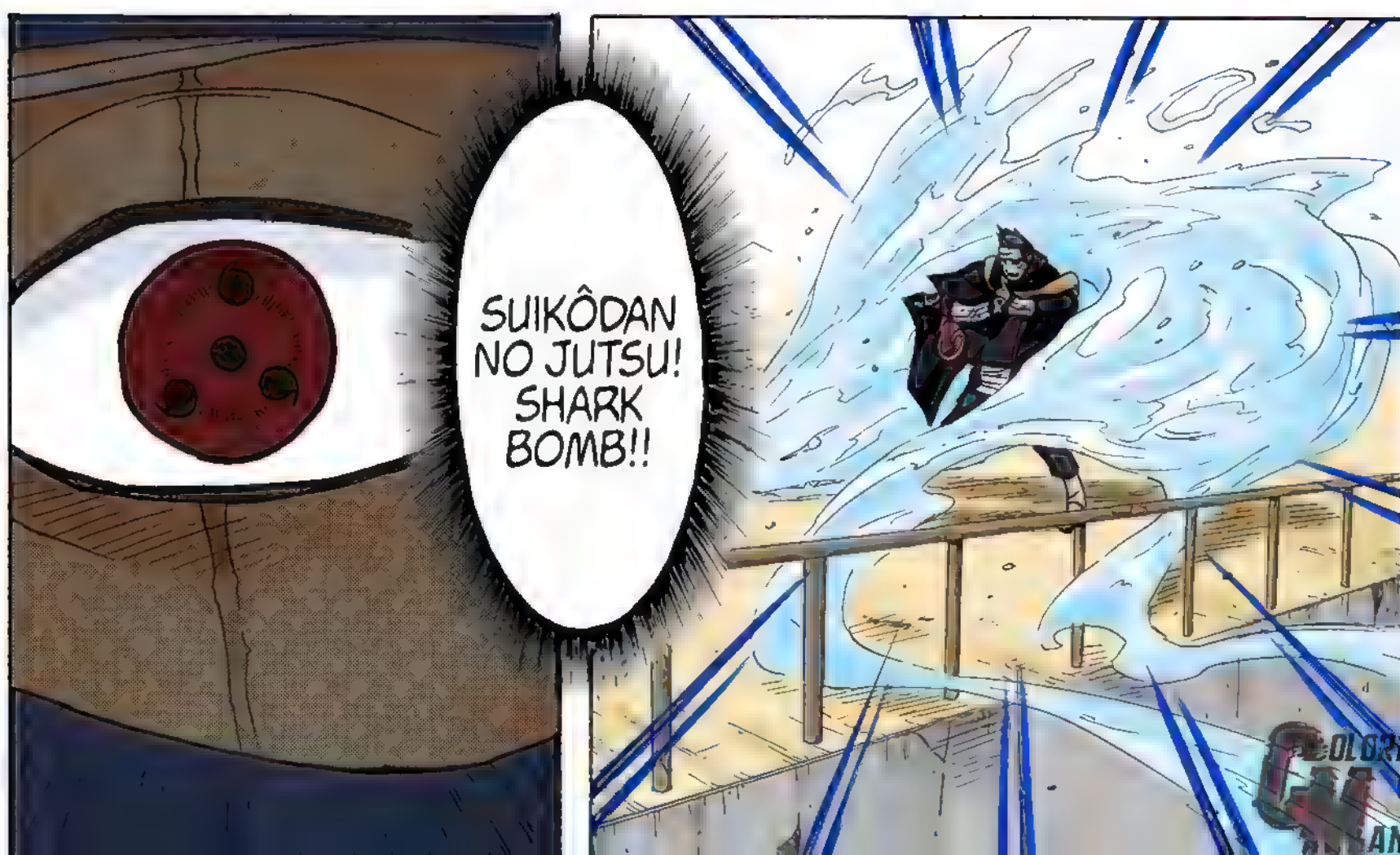
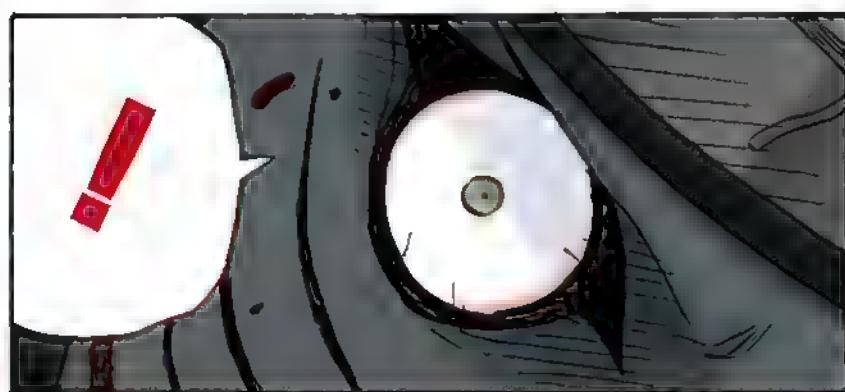


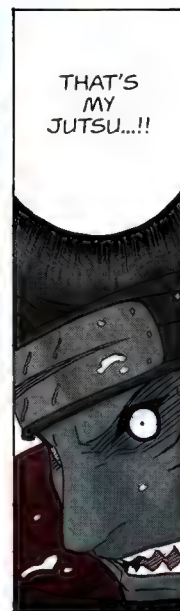
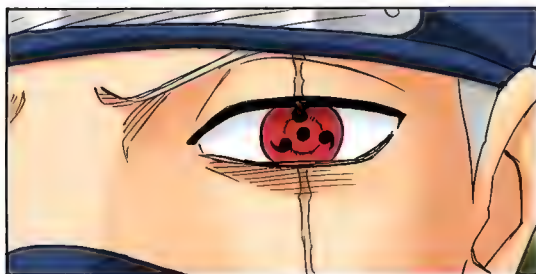


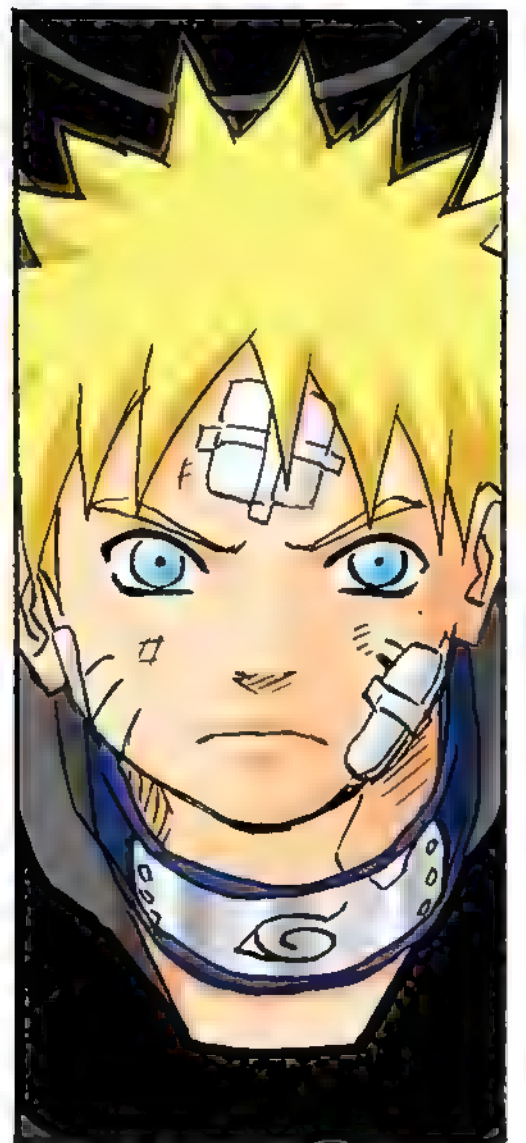












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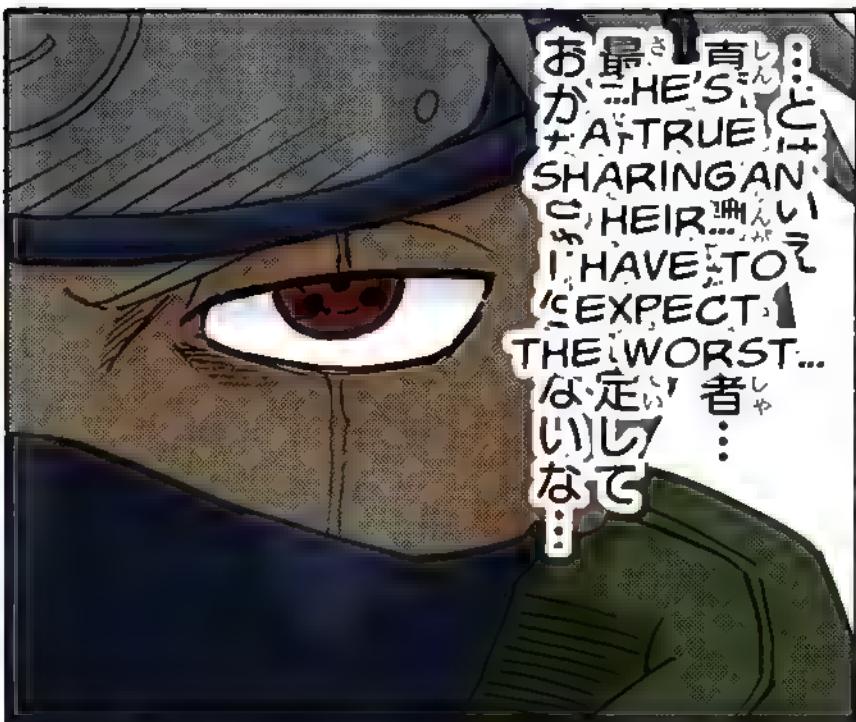
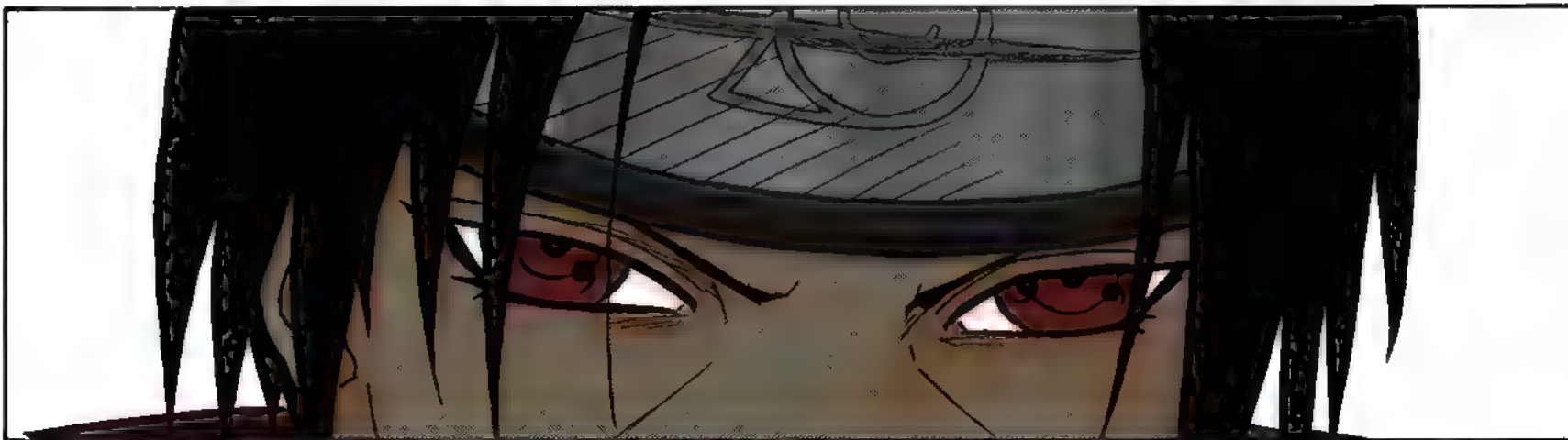
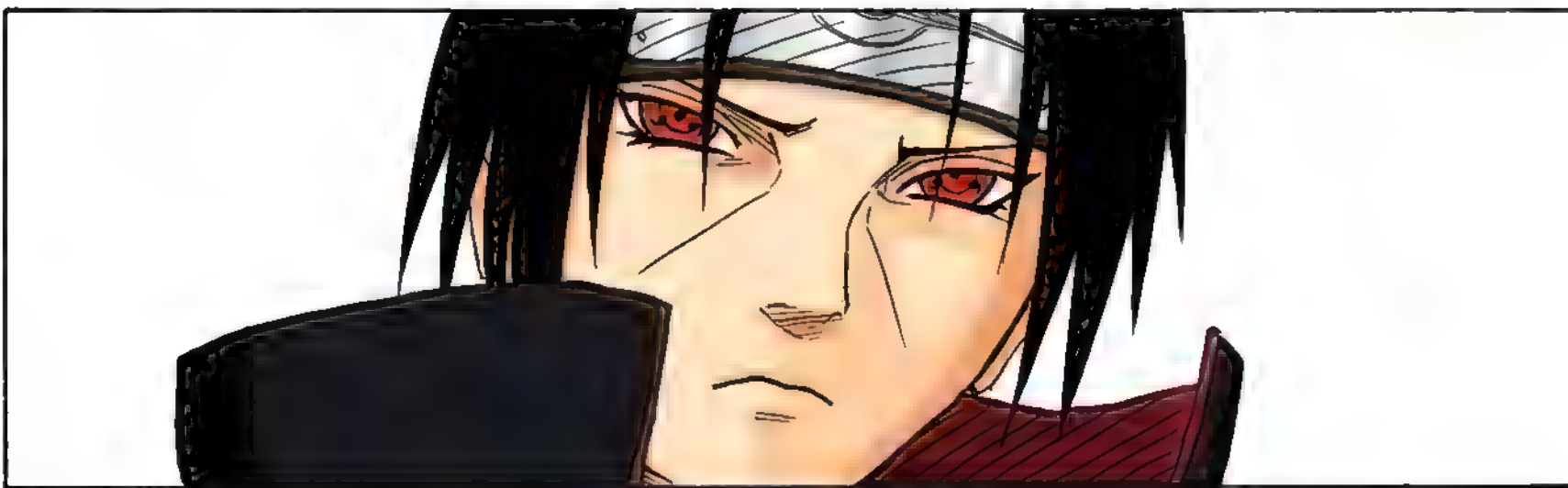


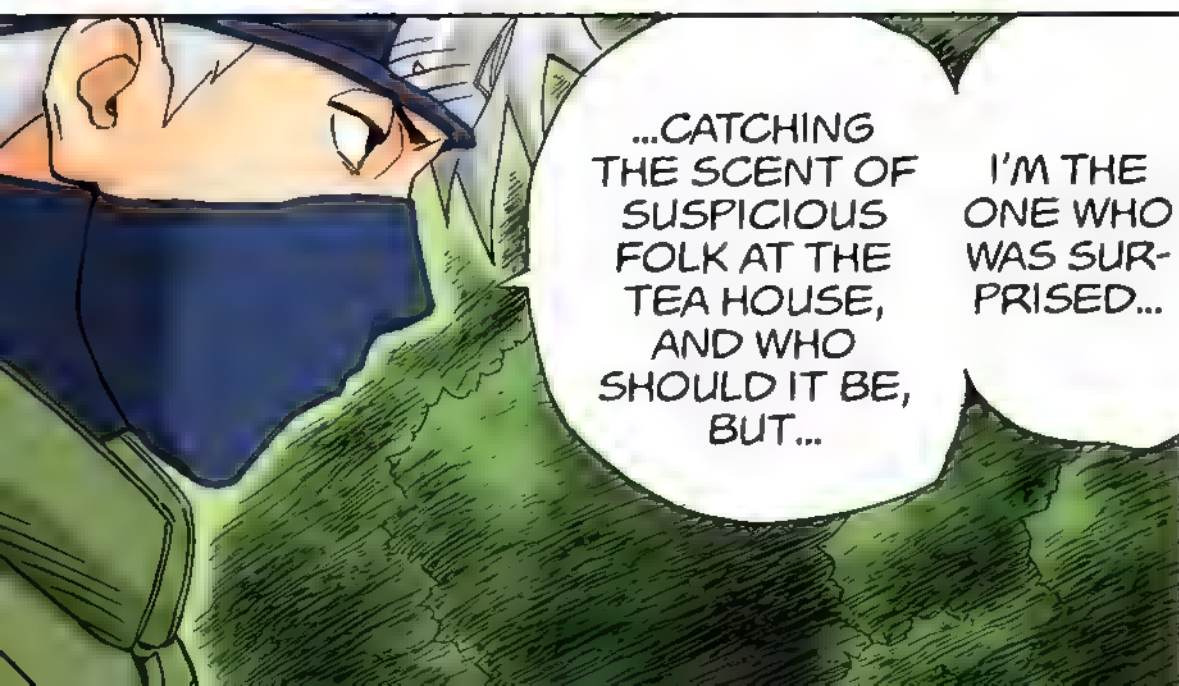
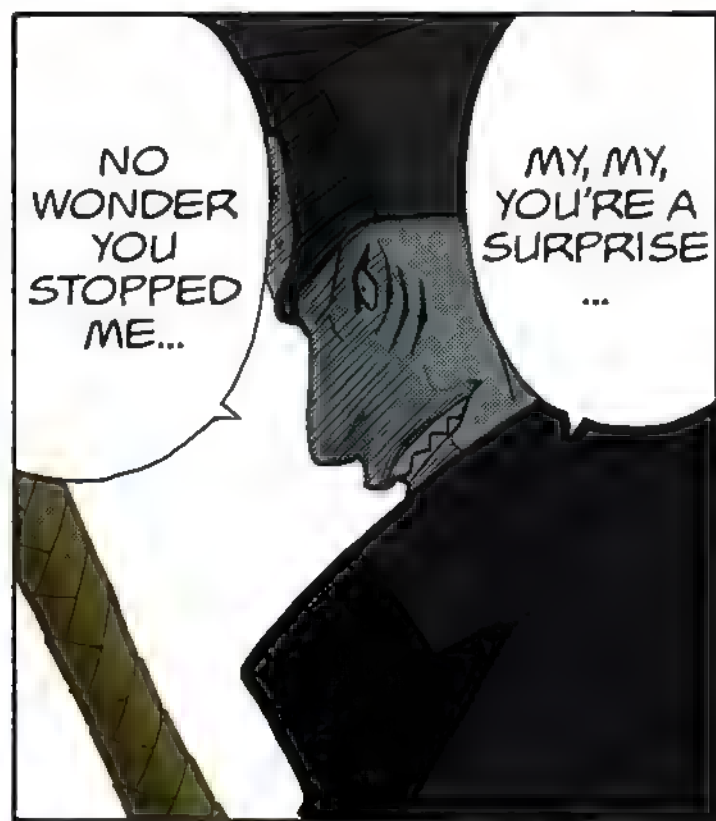
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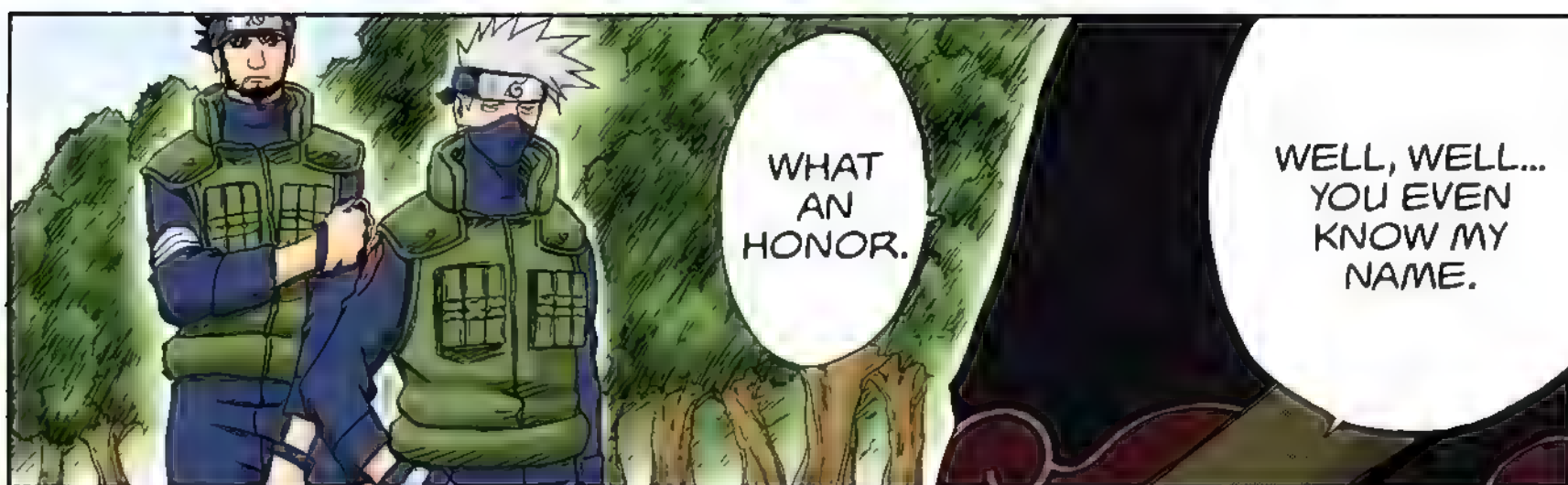




...AND THE
SCOURGE OF
KIRIGAKURE,
HOSHIGAKI
KISAME.



I NEVER
IMAGINED
IT WOULD
BE
UCHIHA
ITACHI...



WHAT
AN
HONOR.

WELL, WELL...
YOU EVEN
KNOW MY
NAME.



...I HAD
HEARD THAT
YOUNG
ZABUZA HAD
SPARRED
WITH YOU...?

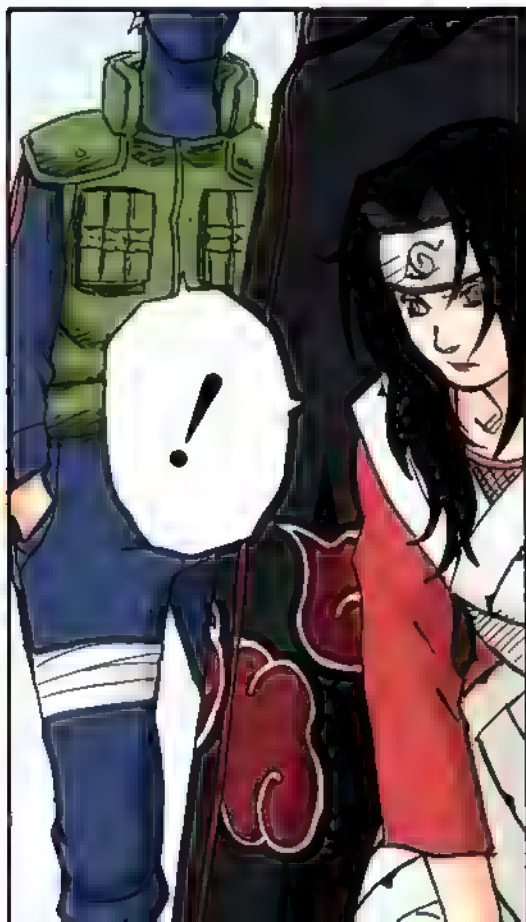
YEAH...

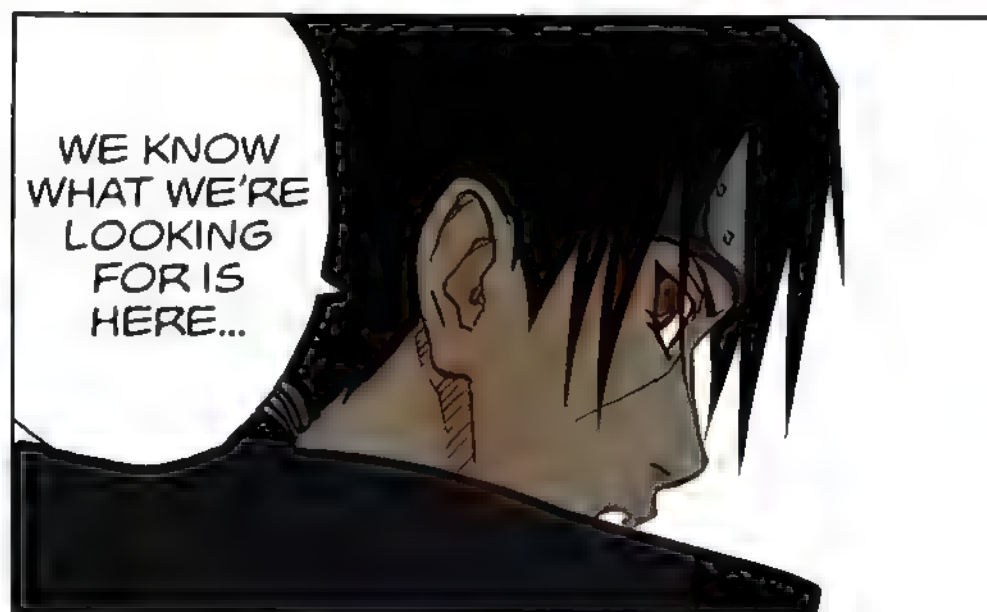
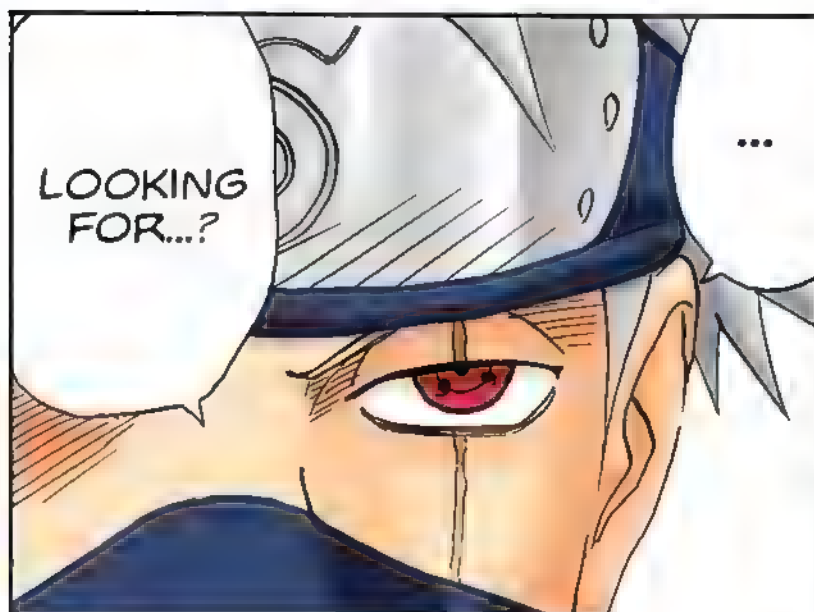
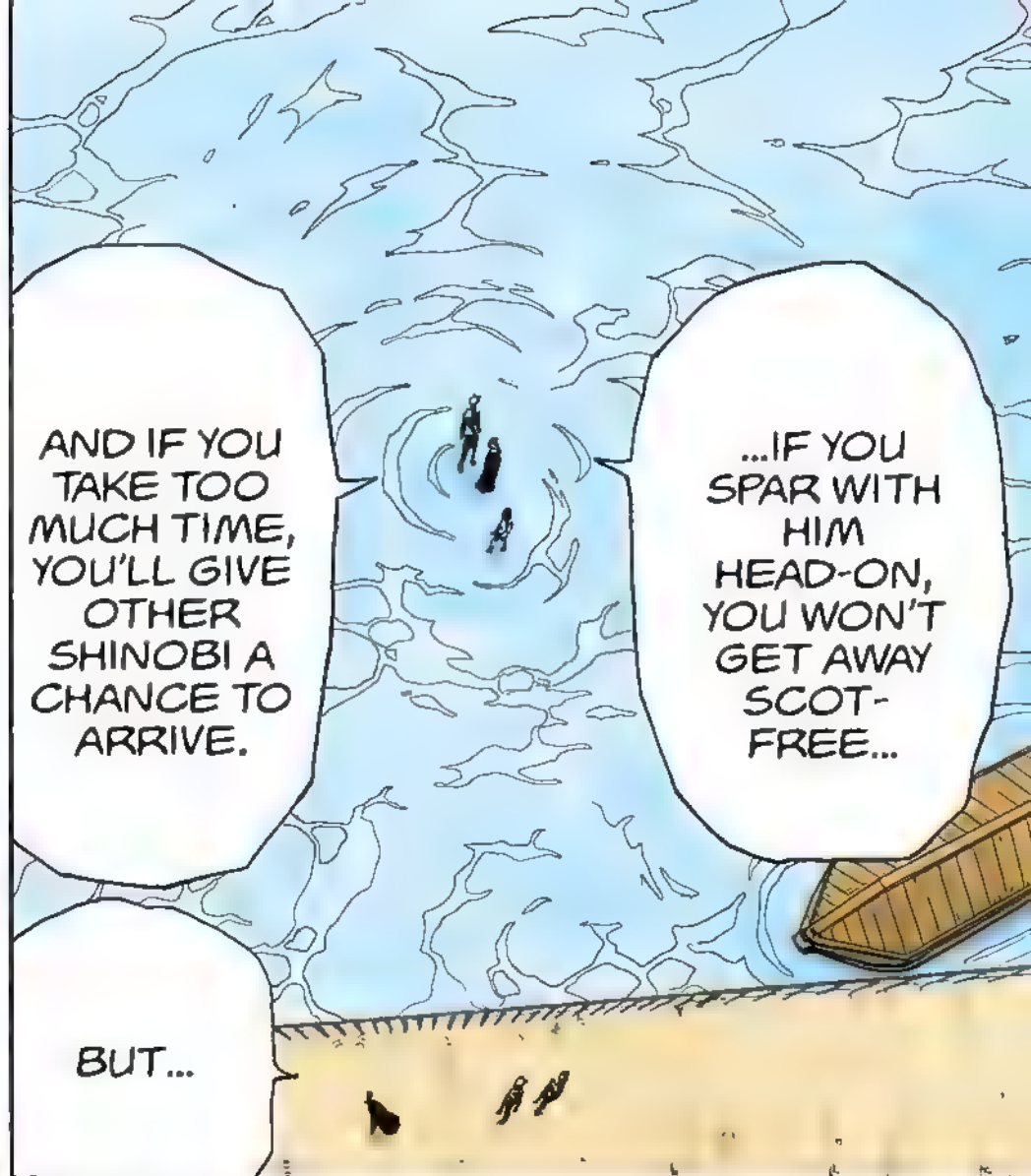


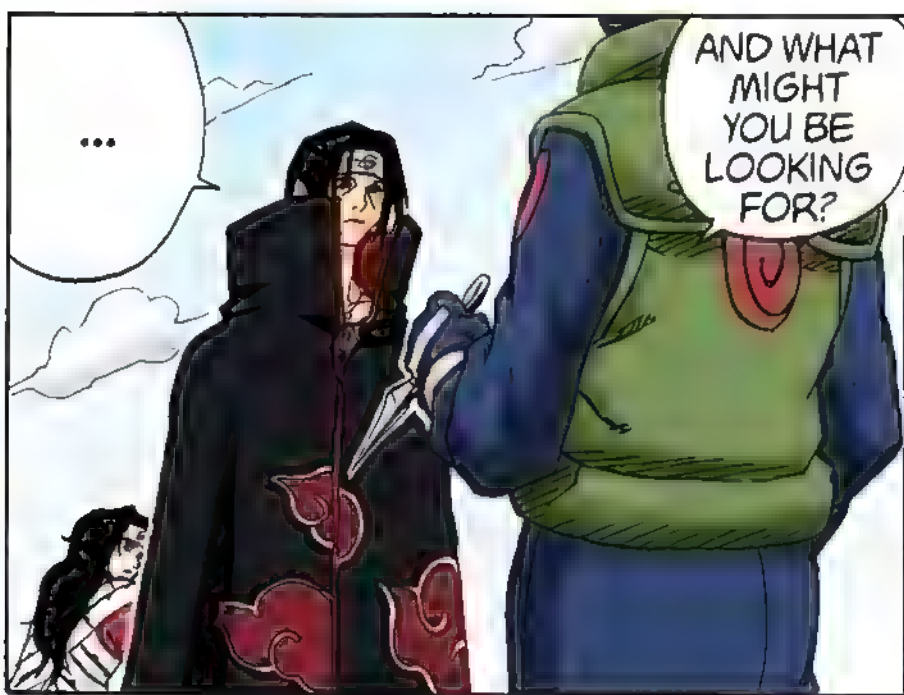
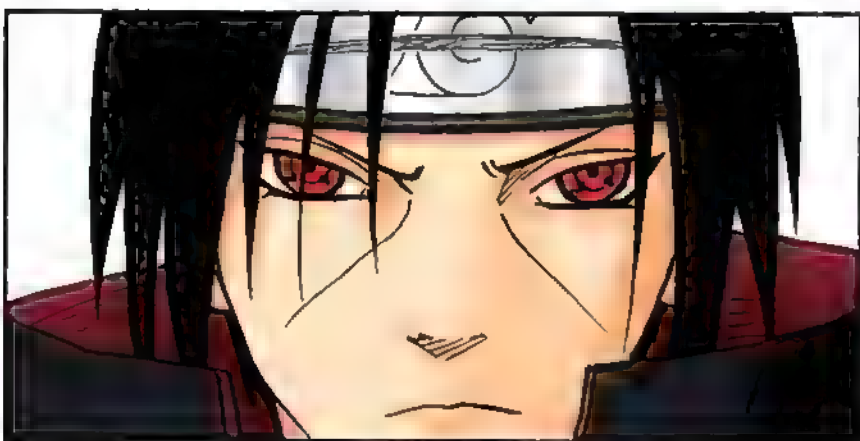
...I SEE, SO THAT
GIANT BLADE OF
YOURS BELONGS
TO ONE OF THE
SEVEN NINJA
SWORDSMEN OF
THE MIST,
SAMEHADA, THE
SHARKSKIN.

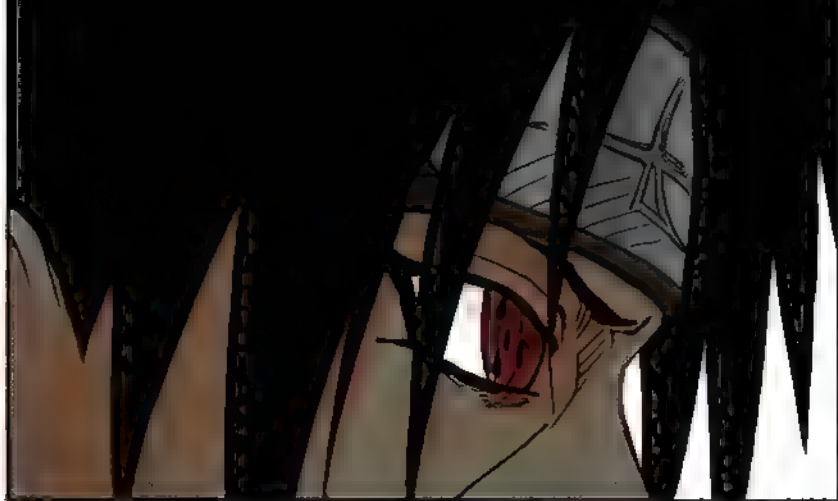


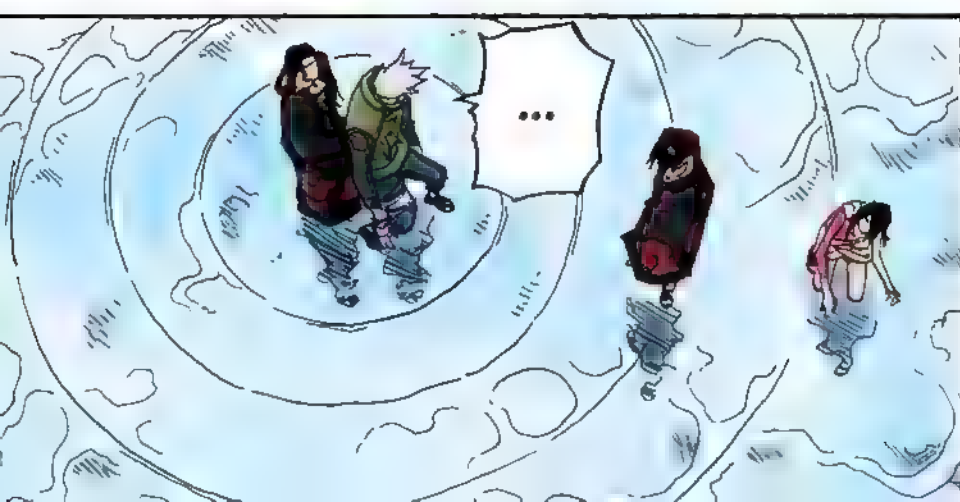
HEH
HEH.

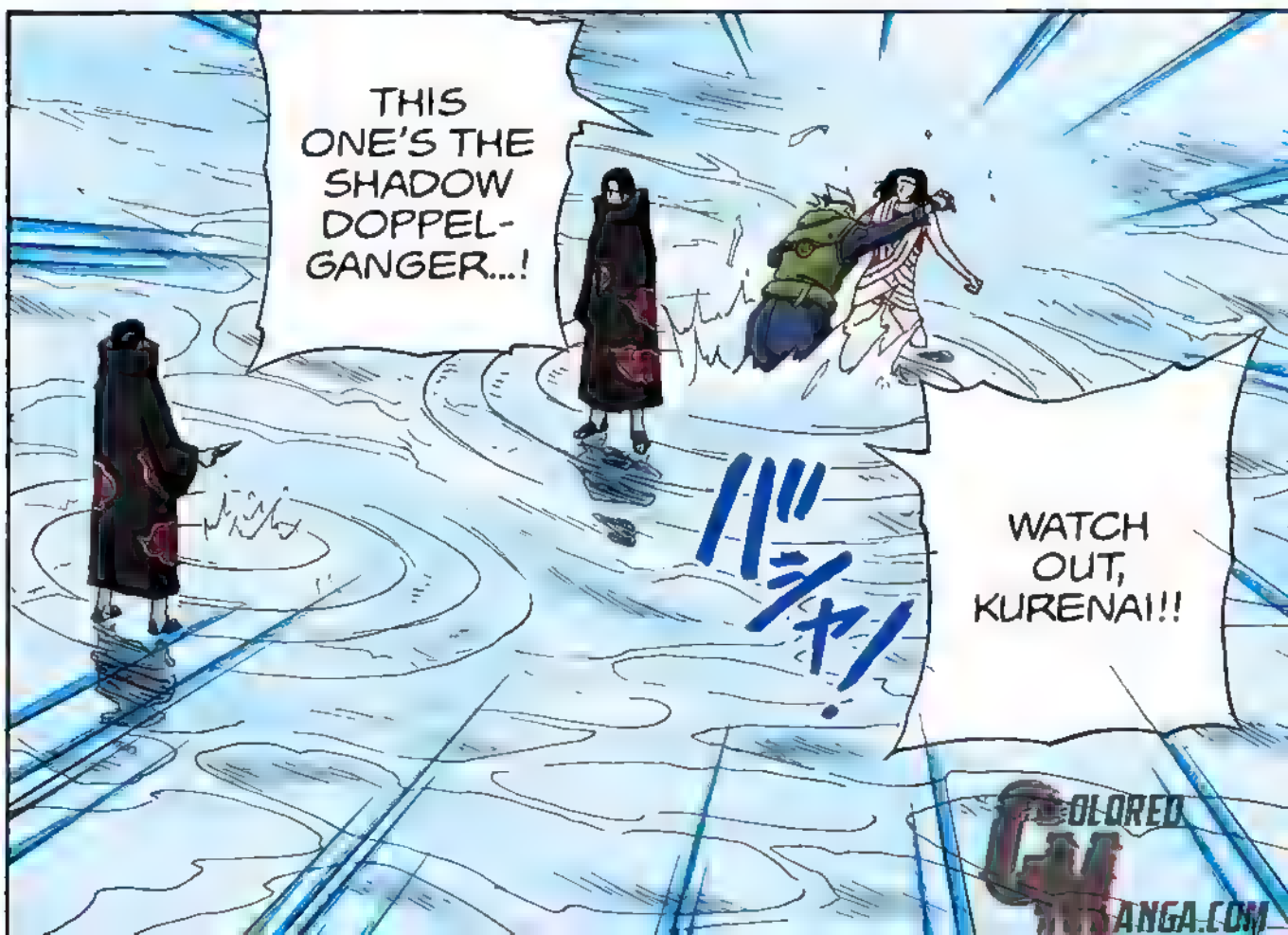
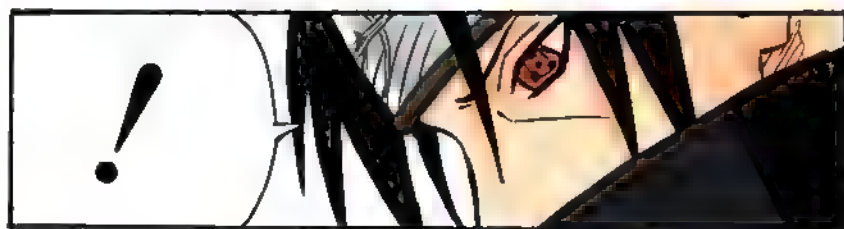


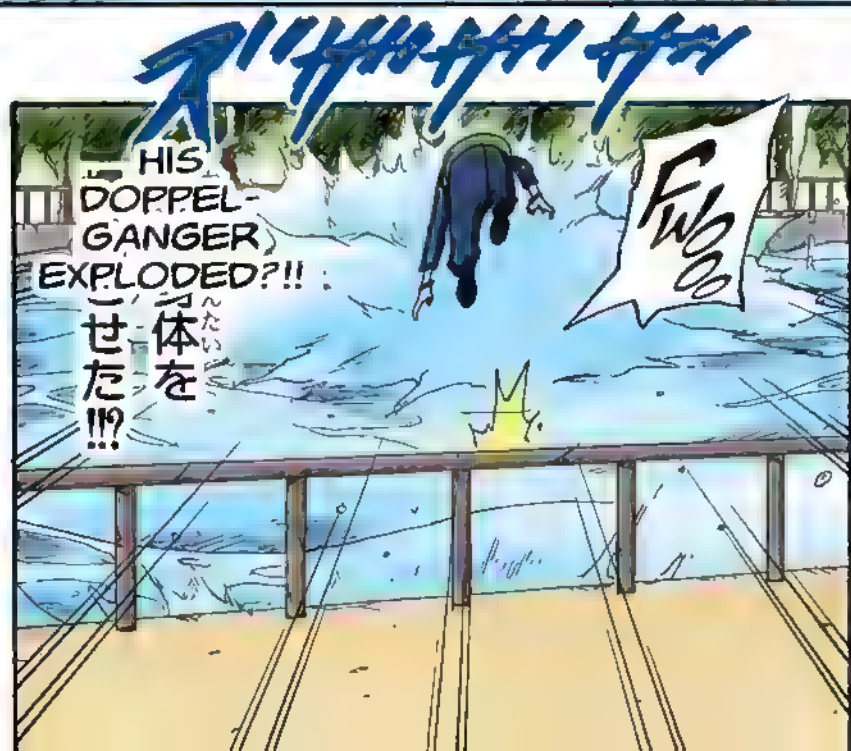












HIS
DOPPEL-
GANGER
EXPLODED?!!
「体^{んたい}を
「せ^んた^ん!!
!!!

Fwo



KAKASHI!
KURENAI!!

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...YOUR BODY,
NOT BEING
GENETICALLY
ADAPTED...

HOWEVER
...

...IS NO
MATCH
FOR THAT
EYE.

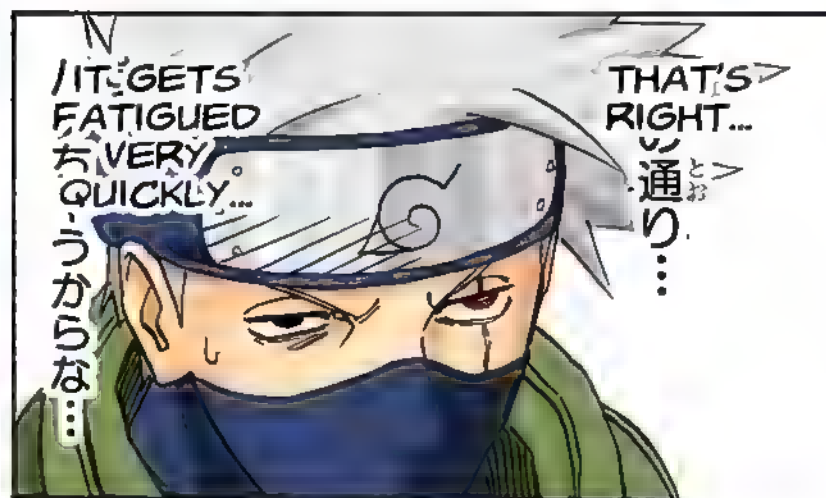
VERY
IMPRESSIVE,
THAT YOU
WHO ARE
NOT EVEN
OF UCHIHA
BLOOD...

...HAVE
MASTERED
THE
SHARINGAN
THIS MUCH...



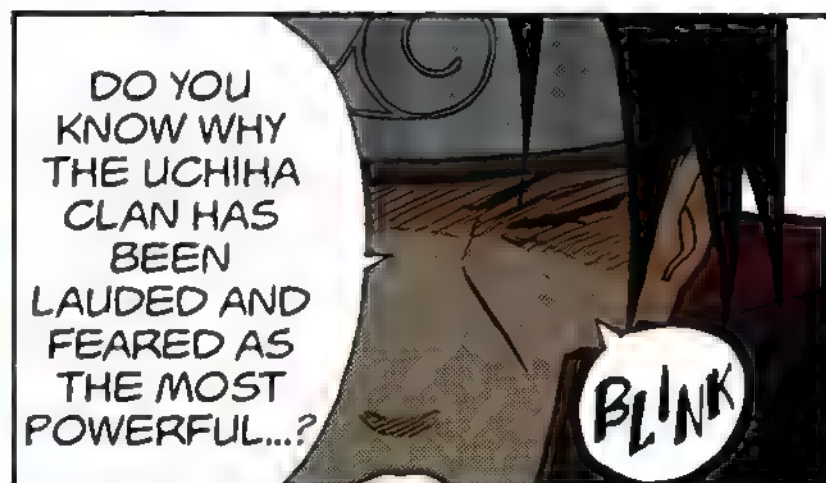
...MY CLAN'S
TRUE
STRENGTH!

LET ME
SHOW
YOU...



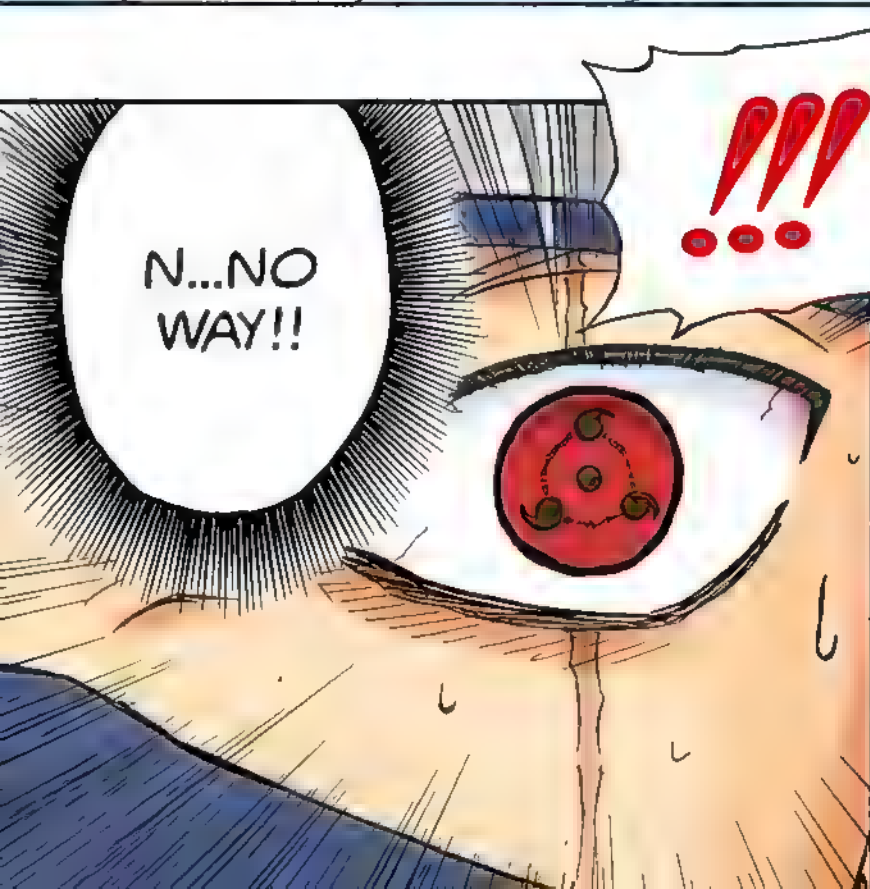
N
/IT GETS
FATIGUED
VERY
QUICKLY...
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THAT'S
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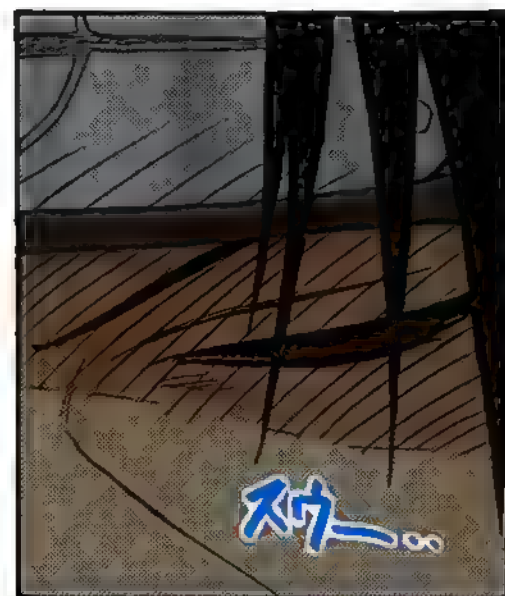
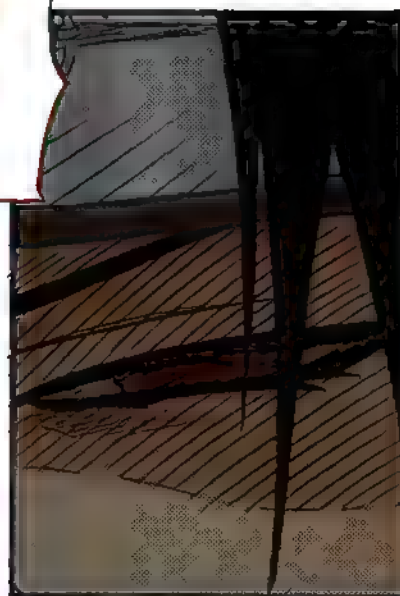
DO YOU
KNOW WHY
THE UCHIHA
CLAN HAS
BEEN
LAUDED AND
FEARED AS
THE MOST
POWERFUL...?

BLINK

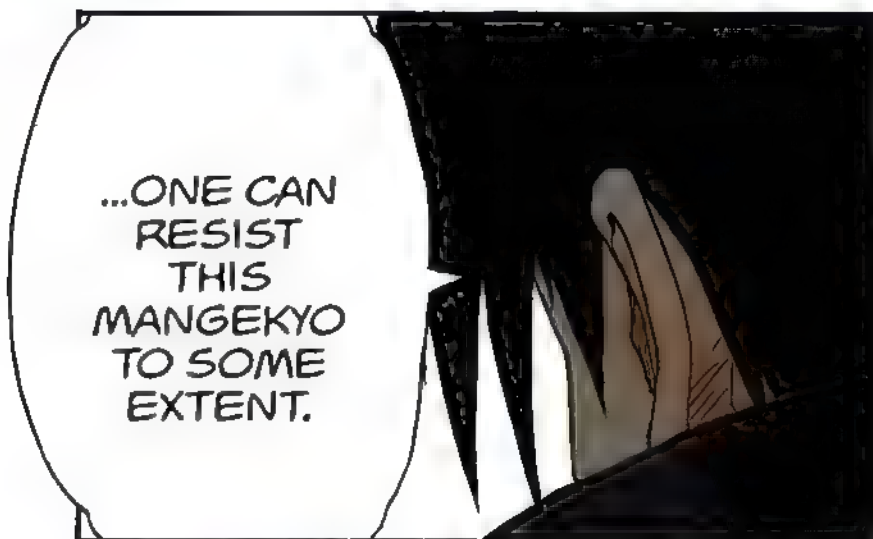


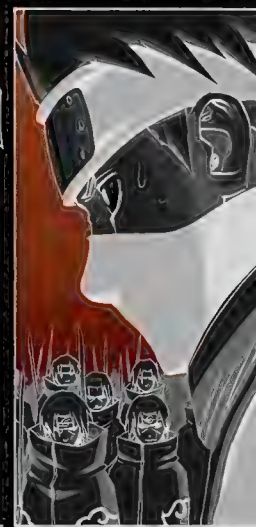
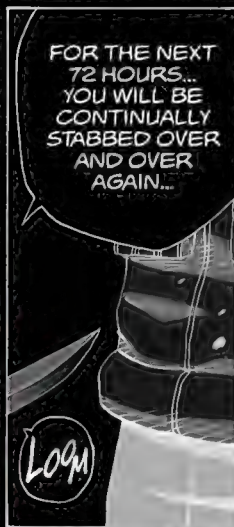
N...NO
WAY!!

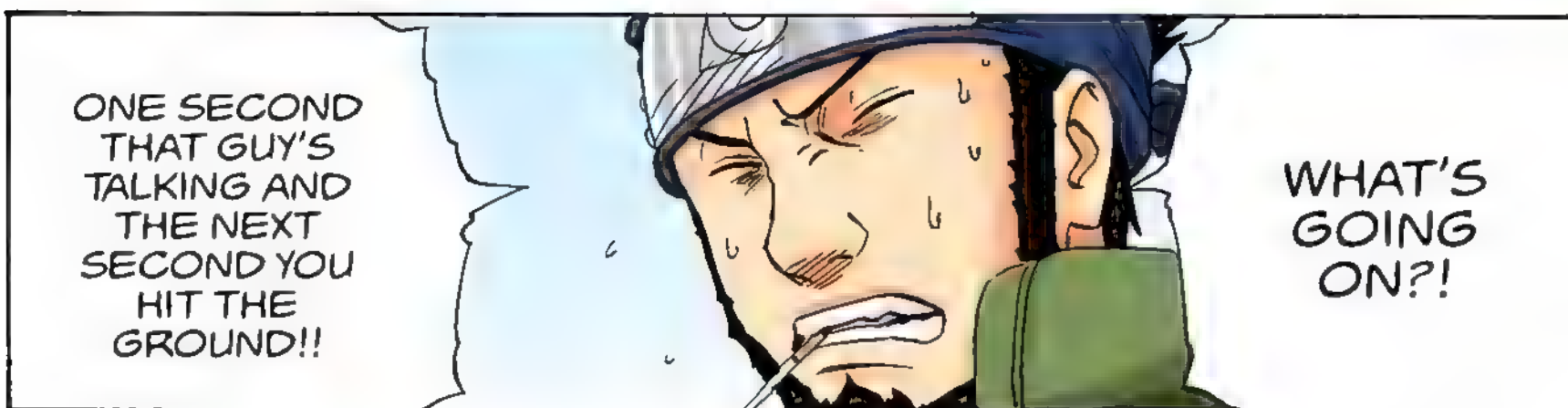
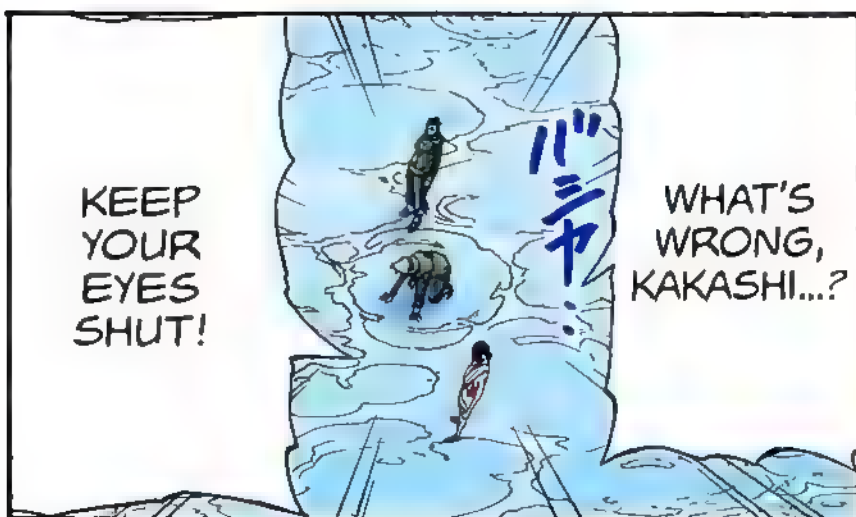
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THE WORLD OF KISHIMOTO MASASHI
MY PERSONAL HISTORY, PART 24 CHAPTER 3

SO I IMMEDIATELY WENT TO BUY THE ISSUE OF *JUMP*, BUT MY HANDS WERE TREMBLING SO MUCH I COULDN'T HOLD ON TO IT VERY WELL. MY HEART WASN'T JUST POUNDING, IT WAS BOUNDING. I SOMEHOW MANAGED TO PAY FOR THE *JUMP*, AND I LOOKED FOR THE ANNOUNCEMENTS PAGE RIGHT AWAY. I SWEAR I ALMOST COLLAPSED!

WHICH IS IT?! DID I WIN?! DID I NOT WIN?! WHICH IS IT, DARN IT?! WITH SUCH IRRATIONAL TENSION, I EAGERLY FLIPPED THROUGH THE PAGES! (I BET I DIDN'T GET IT, DARN IT!!) AND SO, I FINALLY REACHED THE PAGE BEFORE THE ANNOUNCEMENT PAGE FOR THE FEBRUARY HOP ☆ STEP AWARD, AND I SLOWLY TURNED THE PAGE.

THIS ART LOOKS KIND OF FAMILIAR...

THAT WAS MY FIRST IMPRESSION. ...THEN, IT STARTED SINKING IN...

...THESE DRAWINGS... THEY'RE MY DRAWINGS... THEY'RE MY DRAWINGS! ...WHICH MEANS...

AND THEN, OBLIVIOUS TO ALL THE FOLK WHO WERE IN THAT CONVENIENCE STORE, I SUDDENLY CRIED OUT:

"WHOA, WHOA"

I SO COULDN'T SPEAK CLEARLY I MUST HAVE SEEMED LIKE A DERANGED LUNATIC WHO WAS CHANTING SOME WEIRD SPELL ...PROBABLY. AND THEN, I STARTED QUIVERING. I WAS SO ECSTATIC I THOUGHT I WAS GOING TO EXPLODE, AND I EXITED THE STORE. ...SUDDENLY, FOR NO EXPLAINABLE REASON, I VIOLENTLY THREW THE *JUMP* ACROSS THE ROAD. THE MAGAZINE FLEW THROUGH THE AIR, PAGES FLAPPING! I DON'T KNOW IF IT WAS A REMNANT SUBCONSCIOUS REFLEX FROM MY FORMER BASEBALL DAYS, BUT I DO REMEMBER RECEIVING QUITE A FEW COLD STARES FROM PASSERSBY. THEY WERE PROBABLY THINKING, (WHAT THE...! WHO IS THIS WHACKED-OUT GUY...?! WHAT A WEIRDO...!), BUT, YOU KNOW WHAT, I DON'T CARE AT ALL!! IT'S THE HAPPIEST MOMENT OF MY 21 YEARS OF LIFE, SO TOUGH!!

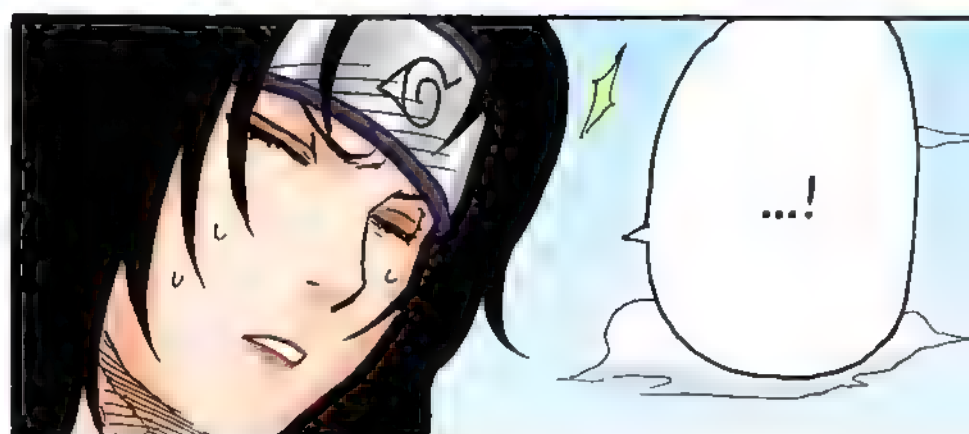
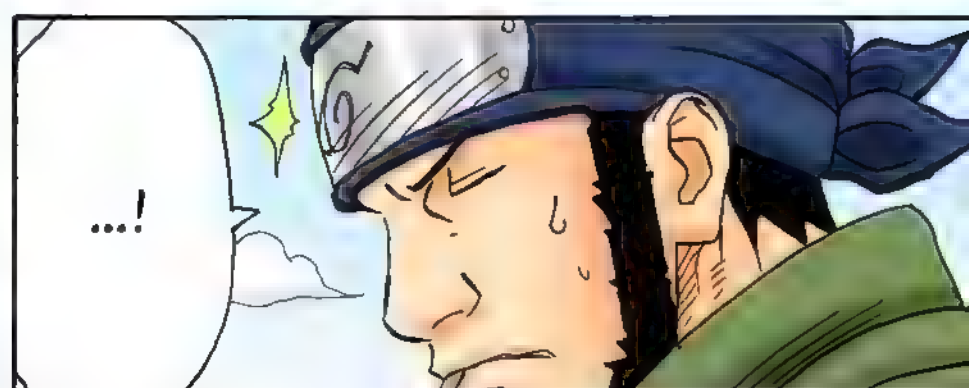
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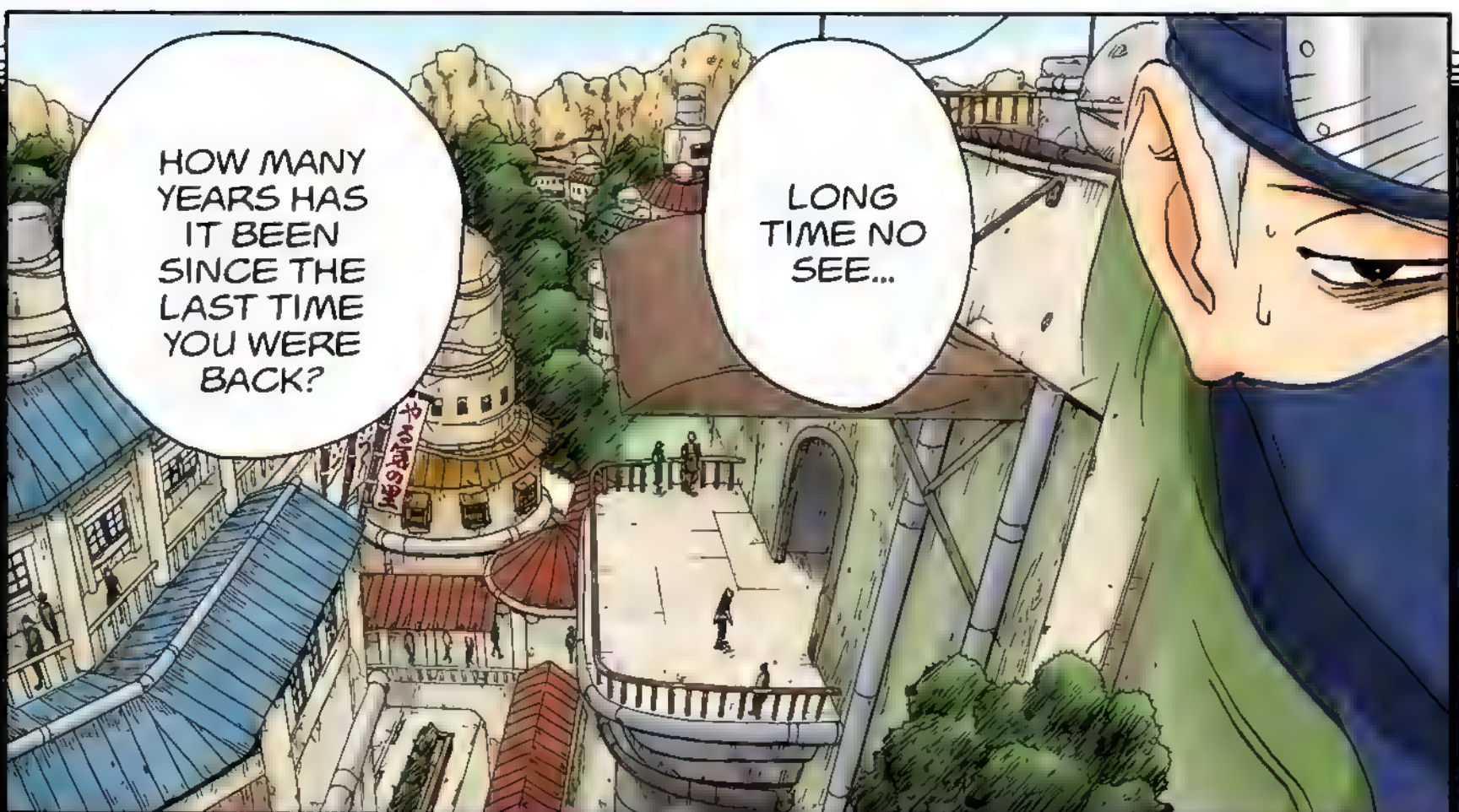
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四代目の遺産!!

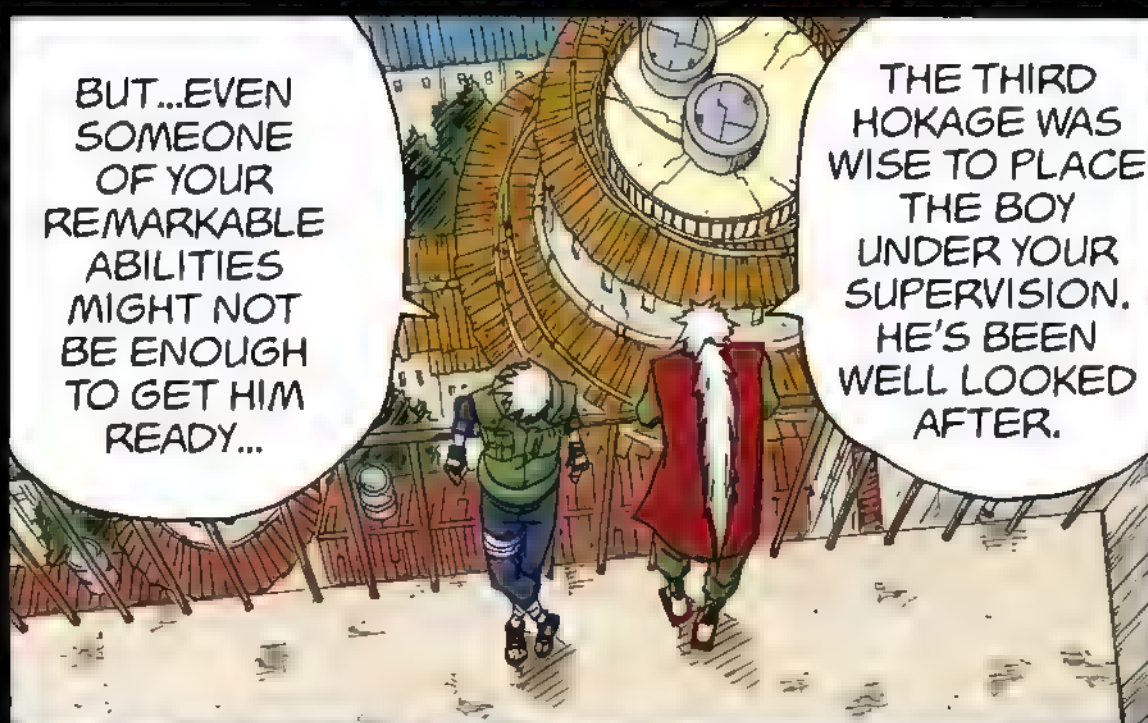
THE FOURTH HOKAGE'S LEGACY!!







I'LL TRAIN
NARUTO
FROM
NOW ON...



BUT...EVEN
SOMEONE
OF YOUR
REMARKABLE
ABILITIES
MIGHT NOT
BE ENOUGH
TO GET HIM
READY...

THE THIRD
HOKAGE WAS
WISE TO PLACE
THE BOY
UNDER YOUR
SUPERVISION.
HE'S BEEN
WELL LOOKED
AFTER.



....!



FOR A
LONG TIME
HE KEPT
MOSTLY TO
HIMSELF...
BUT THEN...

...I'VE BEEN
KEEPING AN
EYE ON
OROCHIMARU
EVER SINCE
THE DAY HE
FLED
KONOKA...

BECAUSE
IT WAS
EVIDENT HE
WOULD
RETURN...

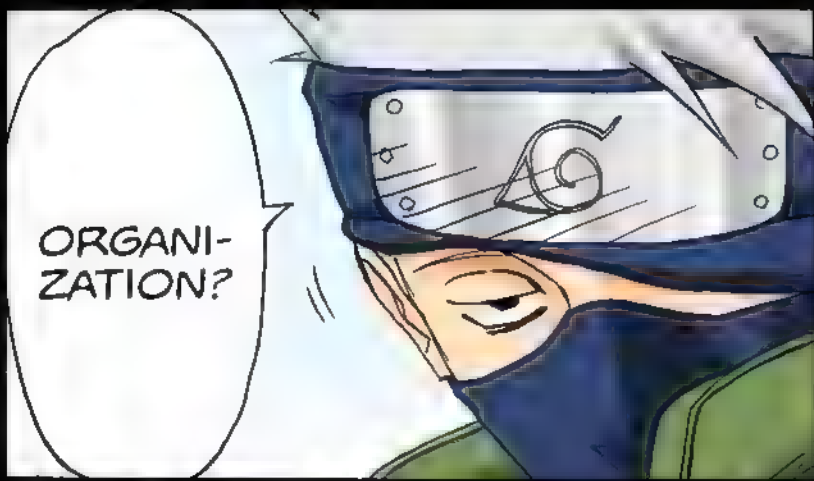
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WHATEVER
DO YOU
MEAN?

...

...





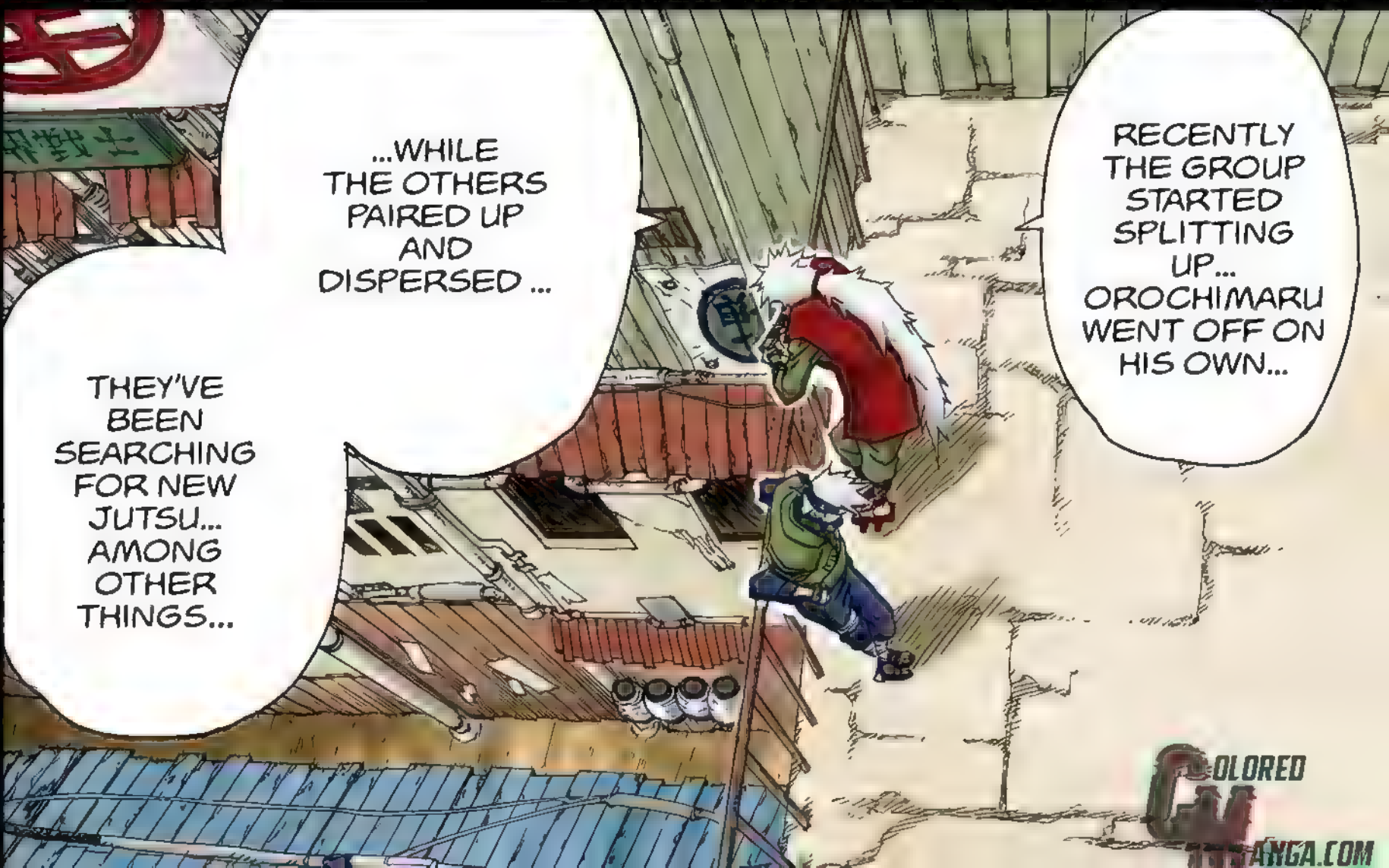
...AND
AMONG
THEM IS
ITACHI.



...

SO
YOU SEE
WHERE
THIS IS
GOING...?

WHEN NINE
SHINOBI LIKE
THAT GET
TOGETHER IT'S
NOT BECAUSE
THEY WANT TO
DO CHARITY
WORK...



...WHILE
THE OTHERS
PAIRED UP
AND
DISPERSED ...

THEY'VE
BEEN
SEARCHING
FOR NEW
JUTSU...
AMONG
OTHER
THINGS...

RECENTLY
THE GROUP
STARTED
SPLITTING
UP...
OROCHIMARU
WENT OFF ON
HIS OWN...



...ANY
PROOF
THAT ONE
ITEM ON
THEIR
SHOPPING
LIST HAS
NINE
TAILS?!



...IT'S A
DISTINCT
POSSIBILITY.



IT MAKES
SENSE. THE
NINE-TAILED
FOX DOES
HAVE ONE OF
THE HIGHEST
LEVELS OF
CHAKRA...



...



SOONER OR LATER, NARUTO'S GOING TO HAVE TO DEAL WITH WHO AND WHAT HE REALLY IS...

KAKASHI...

THAT'S THE BOY'S DESTINY.



IT'S UP TO YOU TO TEACH HIM HOW TO USE HIS SHARINGAN...

FOR NOW, FOCUS ON SASUKE...

ESPECIALLY SINCE ITACHI'S PART OF THE ORGANIZATION.



AND I'LL KEEP AN EYE ON NARUTO. LEAVE HIS TRAINING TO ME.



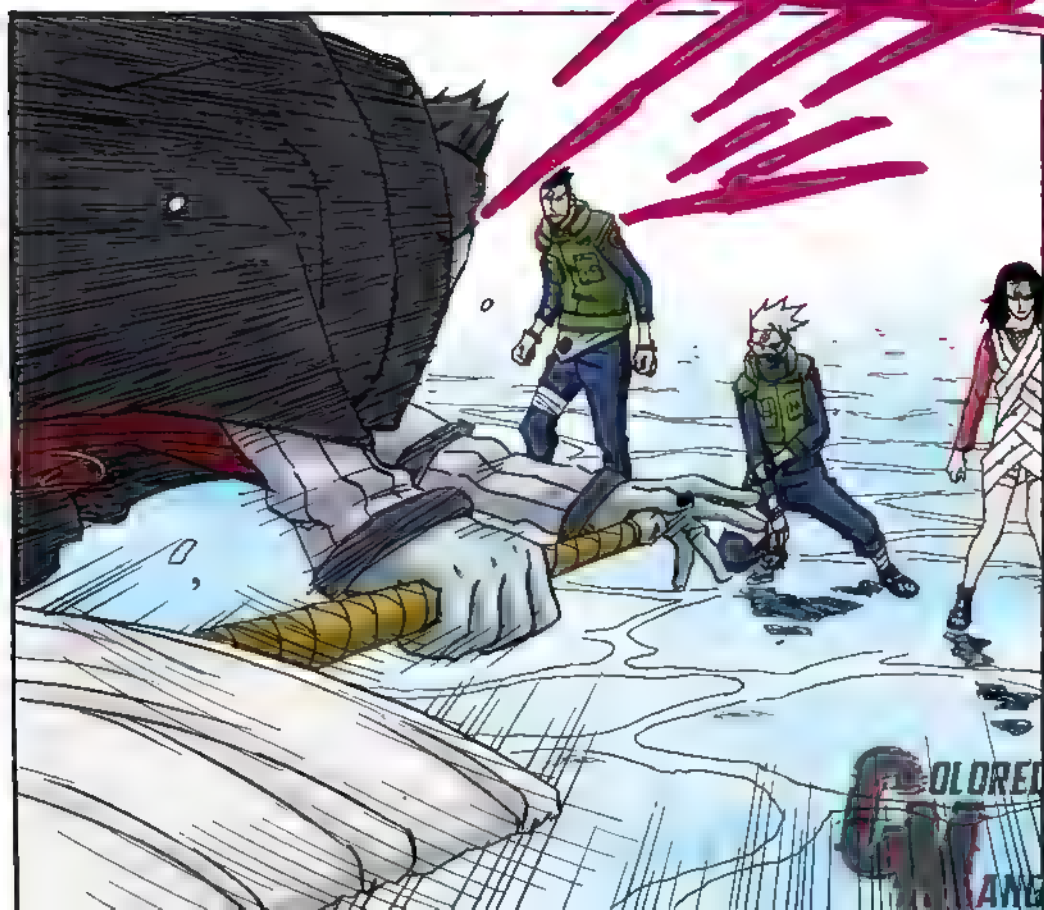
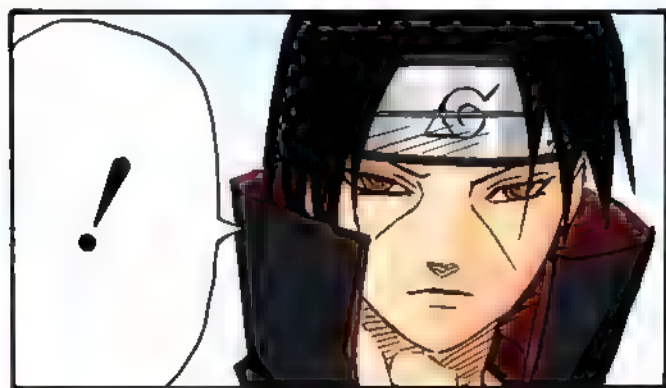
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HUF

YOU SEEK... THE NINE-TAILED FOX INSIDE NARUTO?



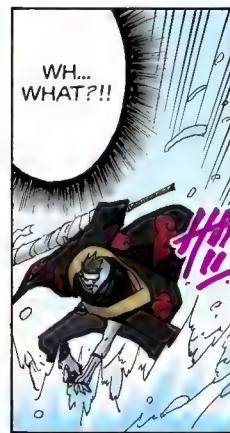
木ノ葉剛力旋風!!

KONOHAKI
GORIKI
SENPU!
SEVERE
LEAF
HURRI-
CANE!!

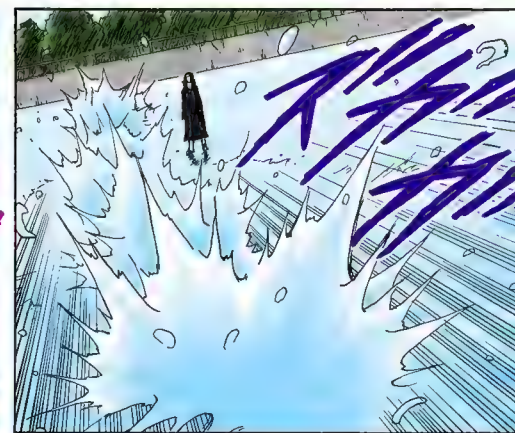
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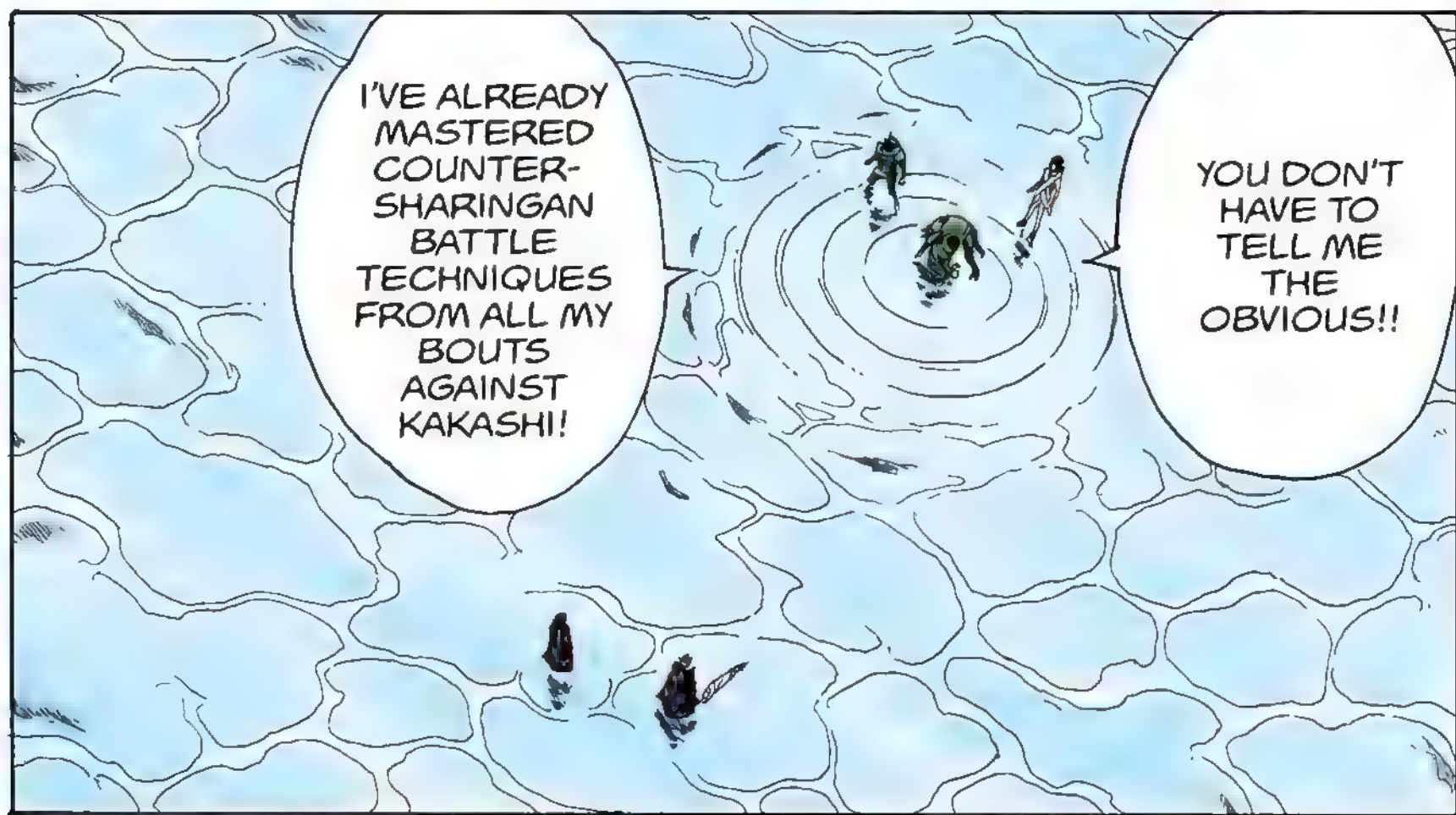
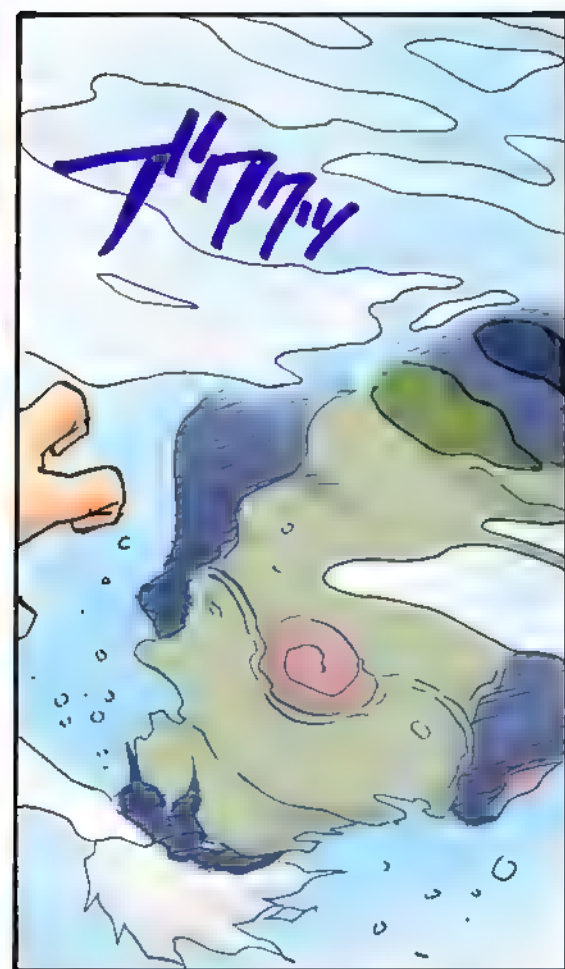
WHO
ARE
YOU?!



WH...
WHAT?!!









JUST KEEP YOUR SIGHT ON THEIR FEET AT ALL TIMES, AND YOU CAN STILL READ THEIR MOVEMENTS AND REACT.

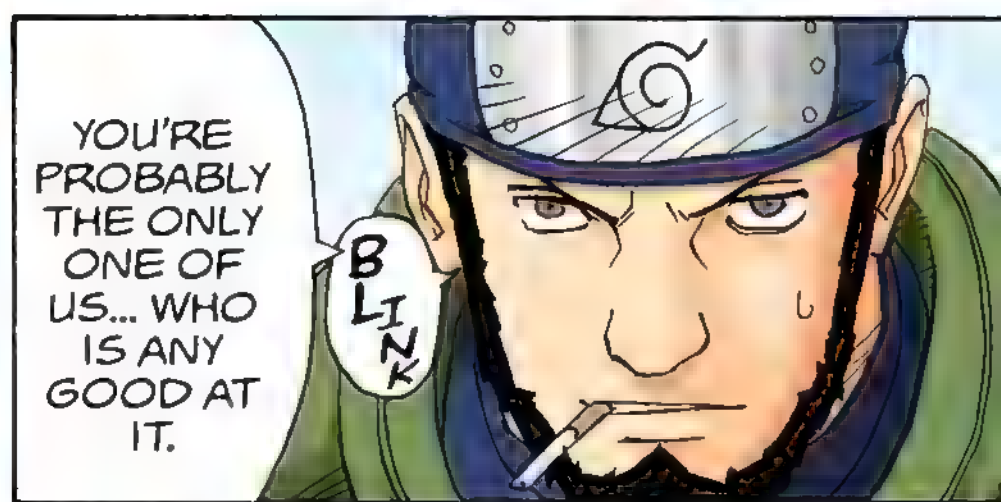
WHEN YOU GO UP AGAINST THE SHARINGAN, YOU ONLY NEED TO AVOID MEETING YOUR OPPONENT'S EYES!



I SUPPOSE SO... YOU SIMPLY NEED TO ACQUIRE THE KNACK FOR DISCERNING AN OPPONENT'S MOVEMENTS JUST FROM THEIR FEET.



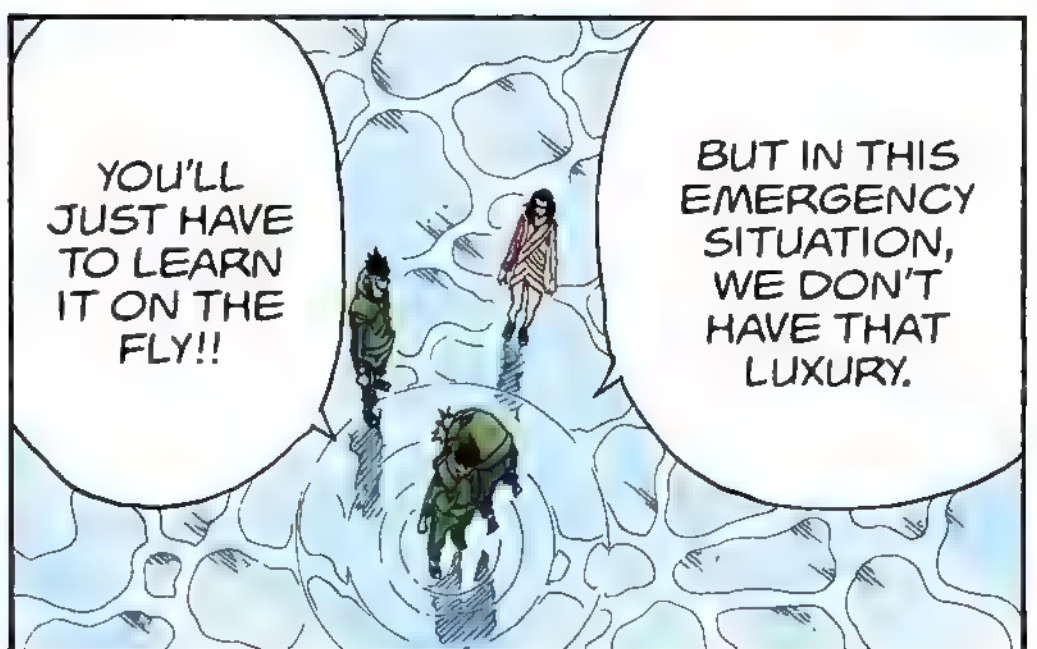
NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, THAT DOES MAKE SENSE, BUT...



YOU'RE PROBABLY THE ONLY ONE OF US... WHO IS ANY GOOD AT IT.



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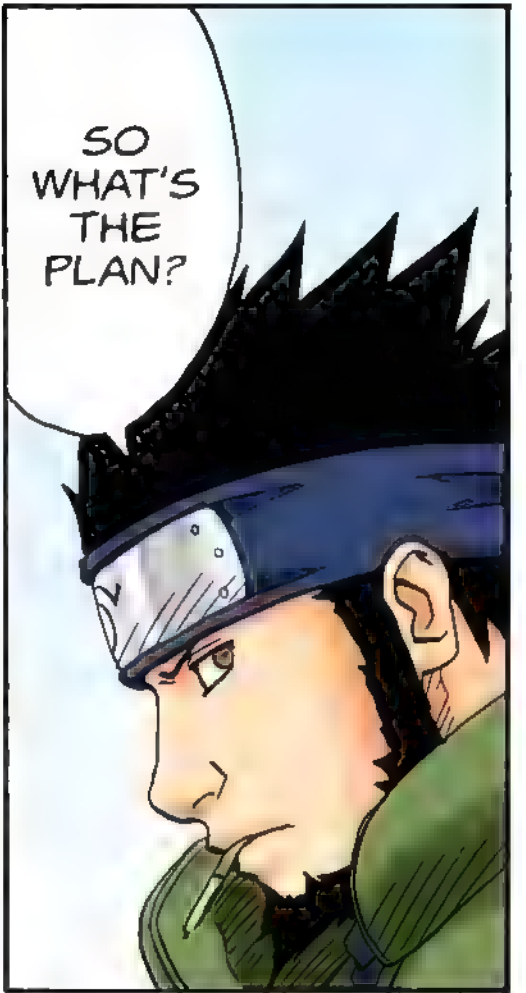
YOU'LL JUST HAVE TO LEARN IT ON THE FLY!!

BUT IN THIS EMERGENCY SITUATION, WE DON'T HAVE THAT LUXURY.

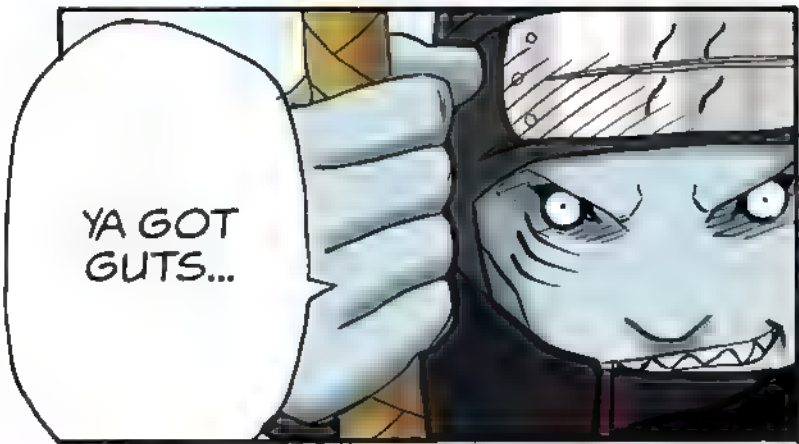


ASUMA,
YOU'RE
GOING TO
BE BACKING
ME UP.

KURENAI!
GET KAKASHI
TO THE
MEDICS!!



SO
WHAT'S
THE
PLAN?



YA GOT
GUTS...



...UNTIL
THE ANBU
BLACK OPS
REINFORCE-
MENTS THAT
I REQUISITIONED
ARRIVE!!

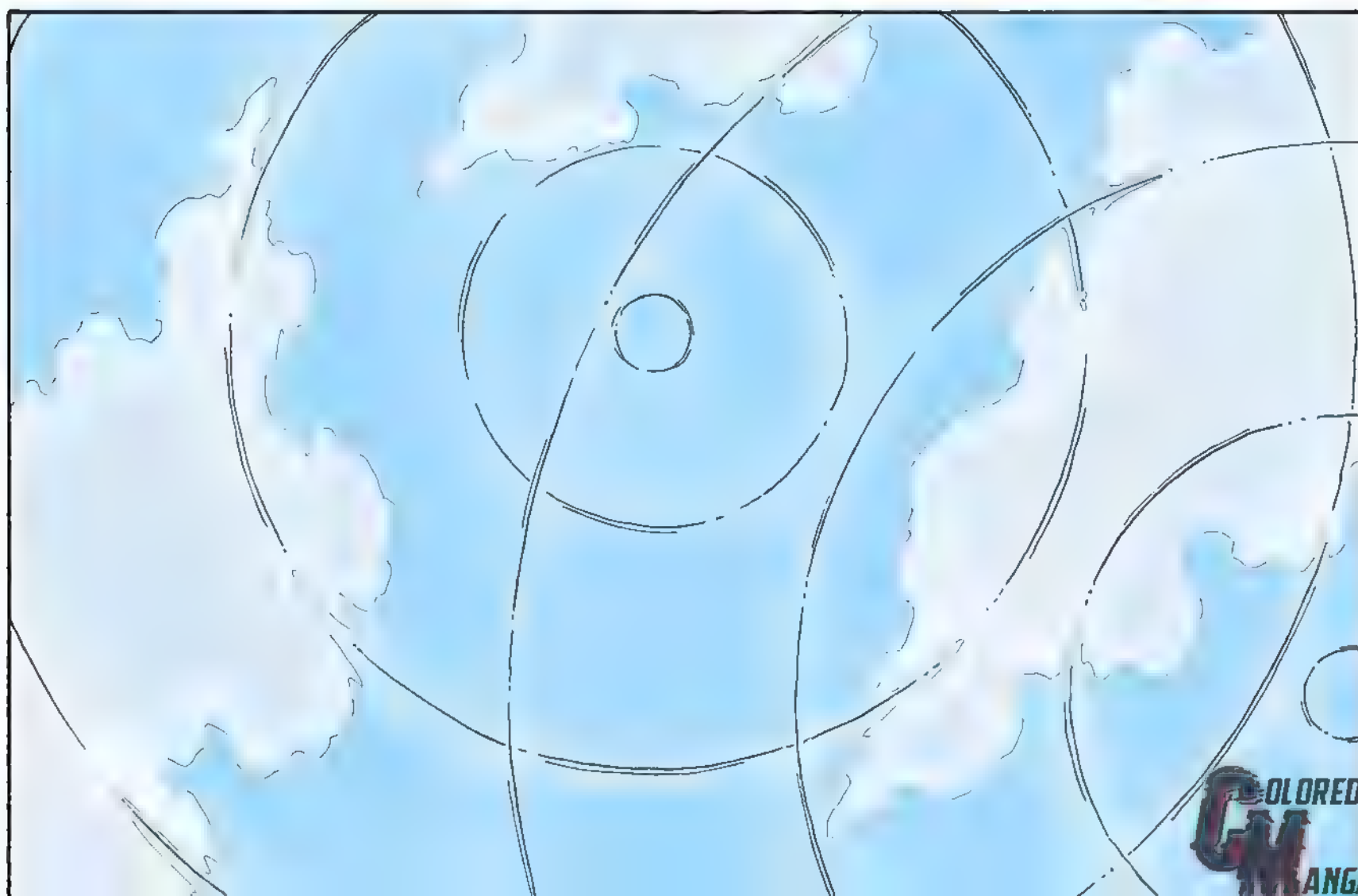
ALL WE
NEED TO DO
IS BUY SOME
TIME...

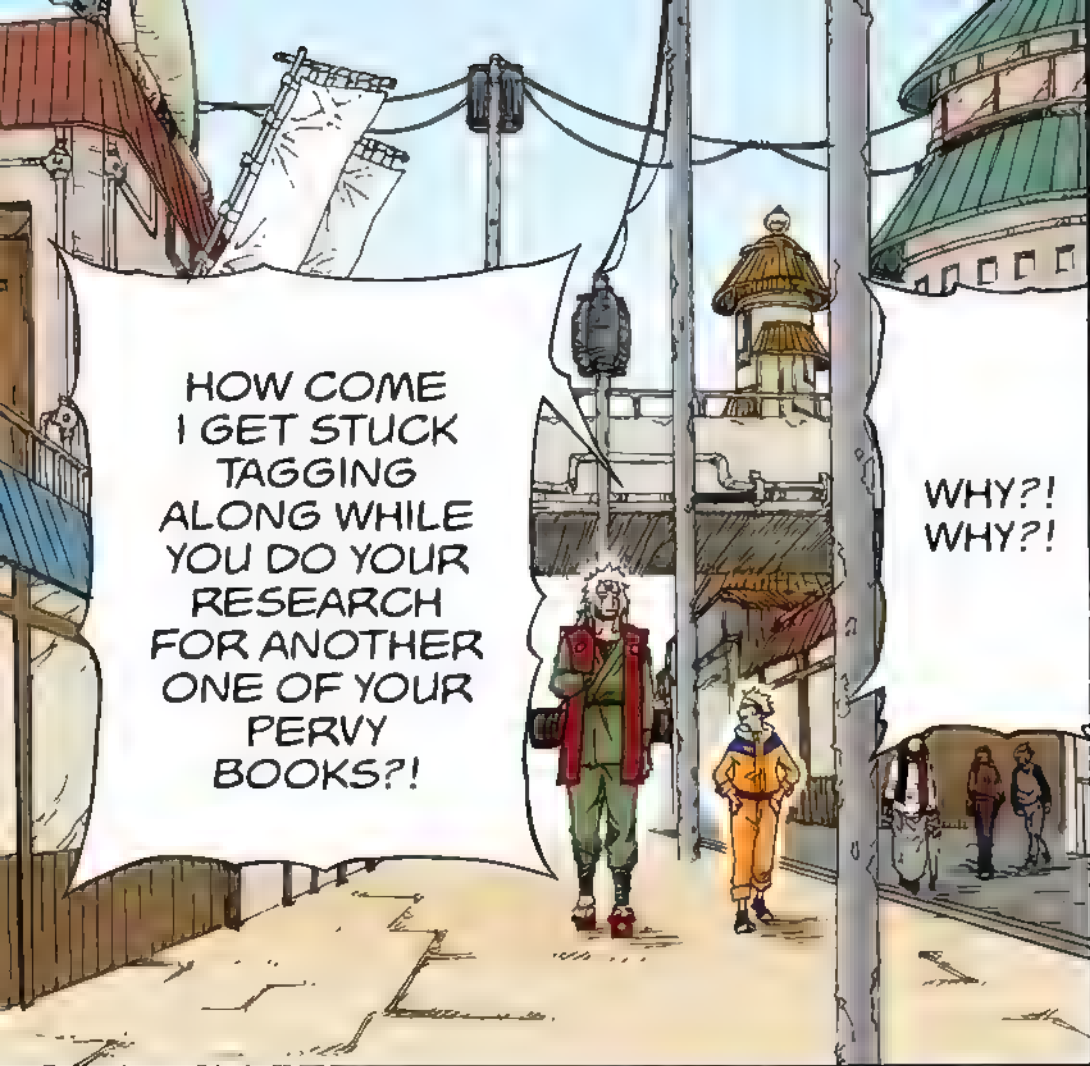


KISAME...
I'M
CALLING
IT OFF.



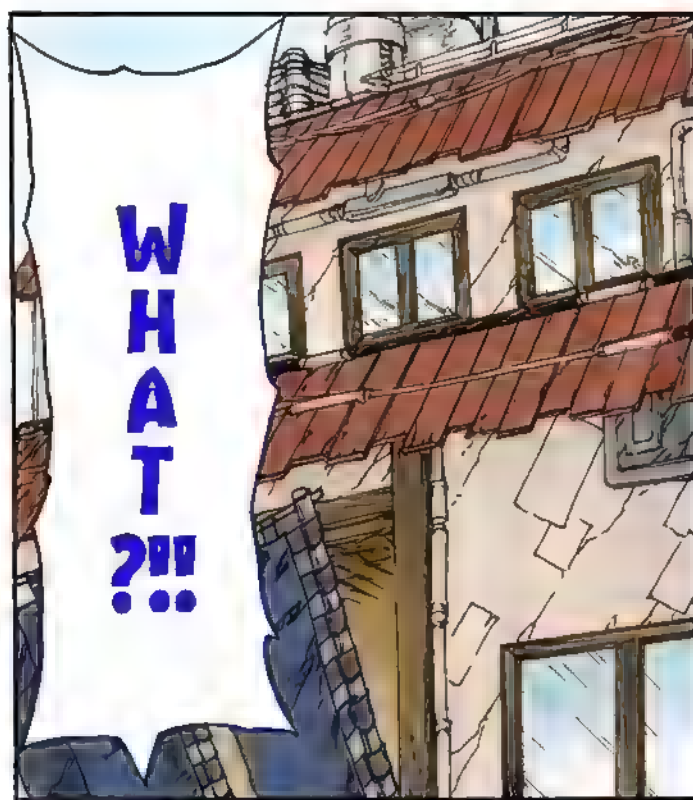
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HOW COME
I GET STUCK
TAGGING
ALONG WHILE
YOU DO YOUR
RESEARCH
FOR ANOTHER
ONE OF YOUR
PERVY
BOOKS?!

WHY?!
WHY?!



WHAT?!!



I'VE GOT
TO TRAIN...
MASTER
KAKASHI'S
GOING TO
TEACH ME ALL
SORTS OF NEW
JUTSU, LIKE
THE CHIDORI!!

I DON'T
HAVE
TIME FOR
THIS!

I SWEAR,
MASTER
KAKASHI'S
BEEN PLAYING
FAVORITES
LATELY!

PLOD
PLOD



THERE'S A
PARTICULAR
WOMAN I
WANT TO
COVER, SO
WE NEED
TO FIND
HER.

THIS
IS NO
ORDINARY
RESEARCH
JAUNT, YOU
KNOW.



SIGH...
...I KNOW THIS
REAL COOL
JUTSU...
THAT'S SO MUCH
MIGHTIER THAN
THE CHIDORI...

NO,
NO
THANKS
!!

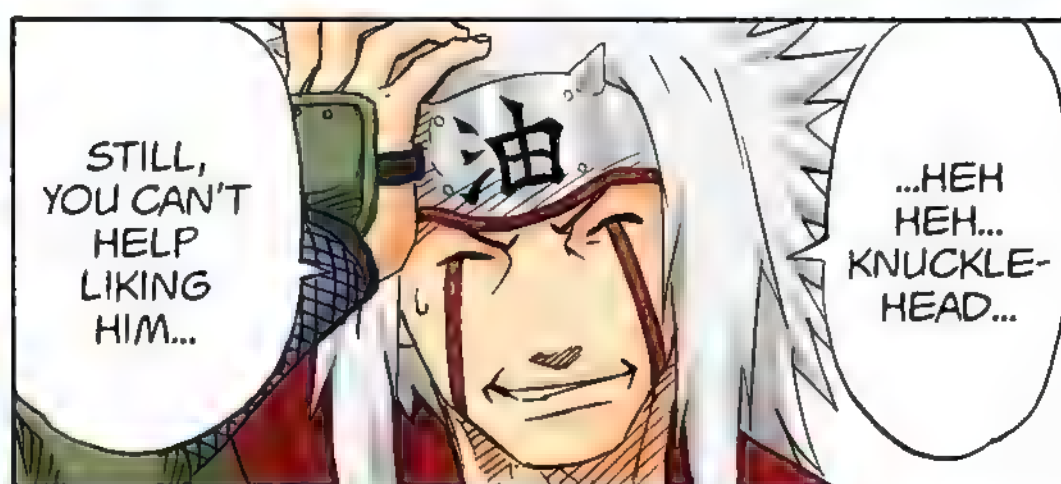
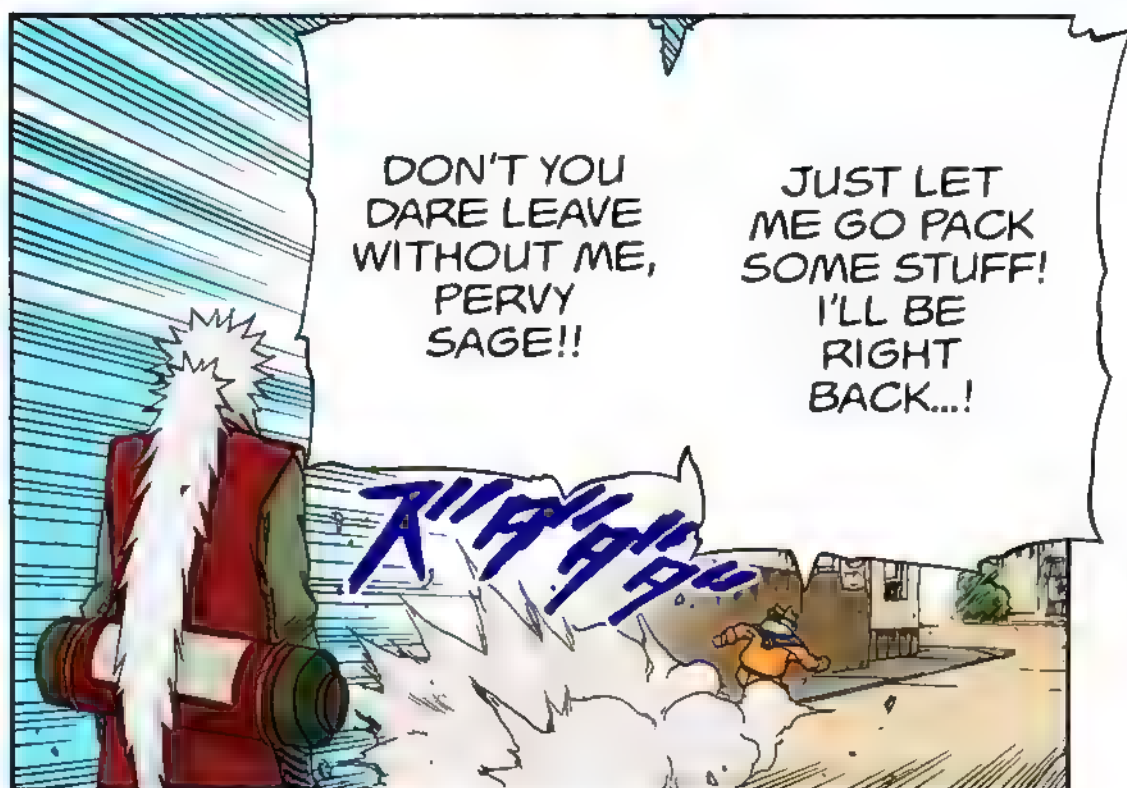
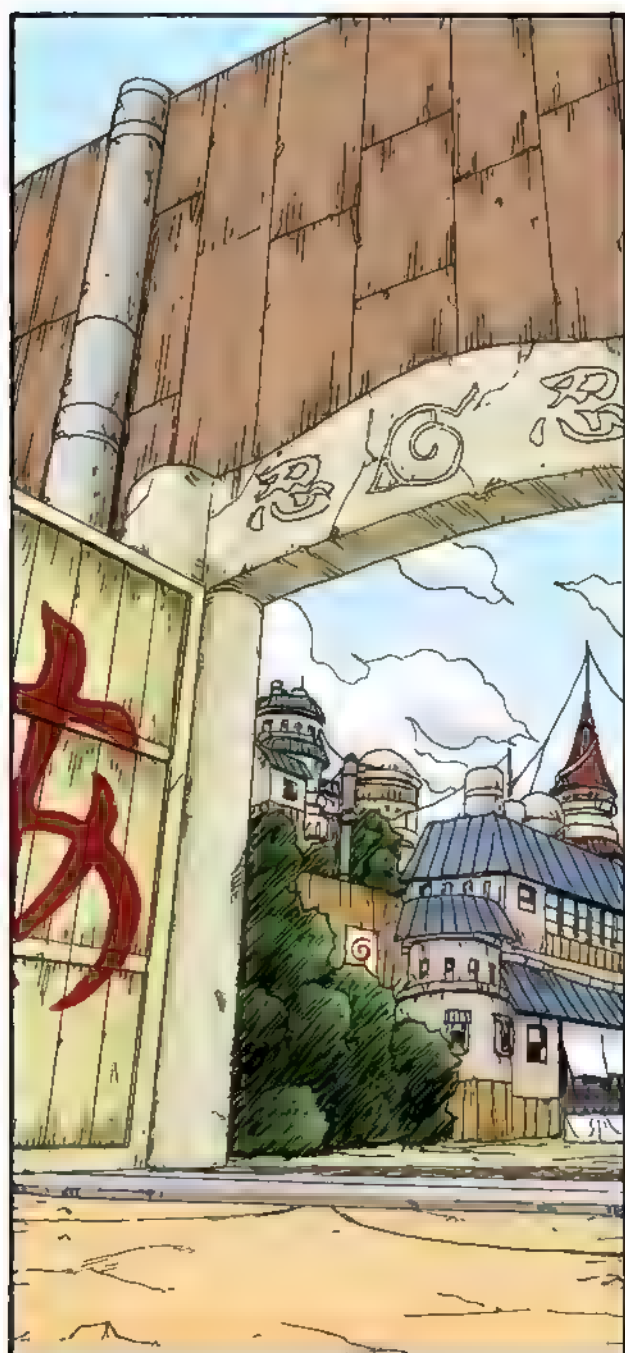
LOOK PERVY
SAGE, WHAT
YOU DO ON
YOUR TIME IS
YOUR BUSI-
NESS! BUT
I'VE GOT
MORE
IMPORTANT
THINGS TO
DO THAN
CHASE YOUR
WOMEN!

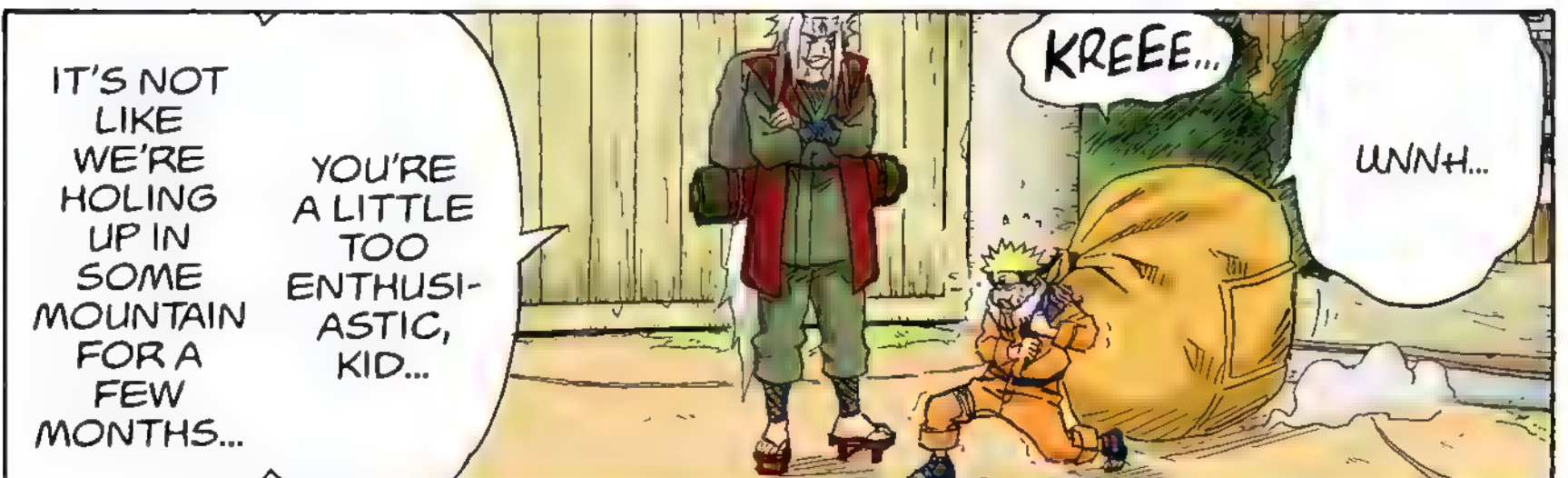
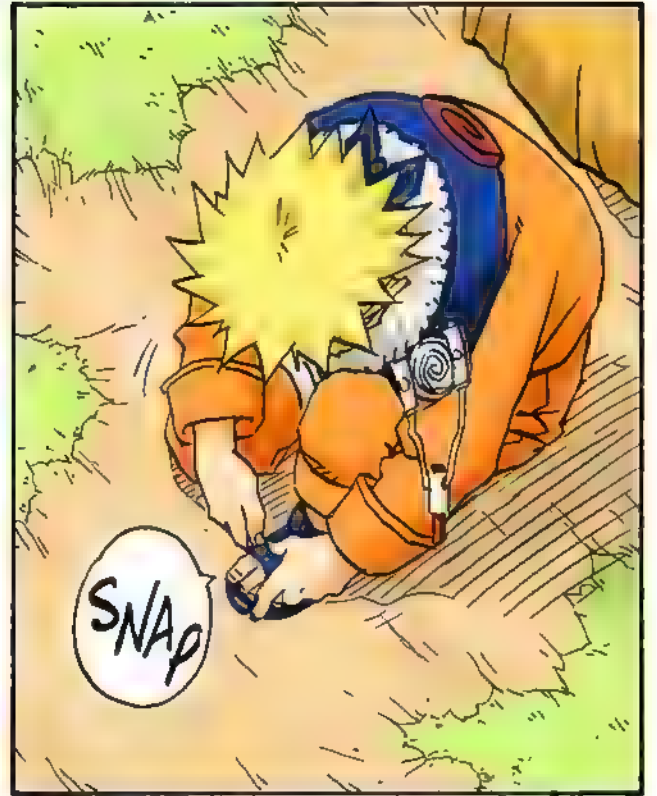
OH WELL,
MAYBE I'LL
ASK SASUKE
TO TAG
ALONG.

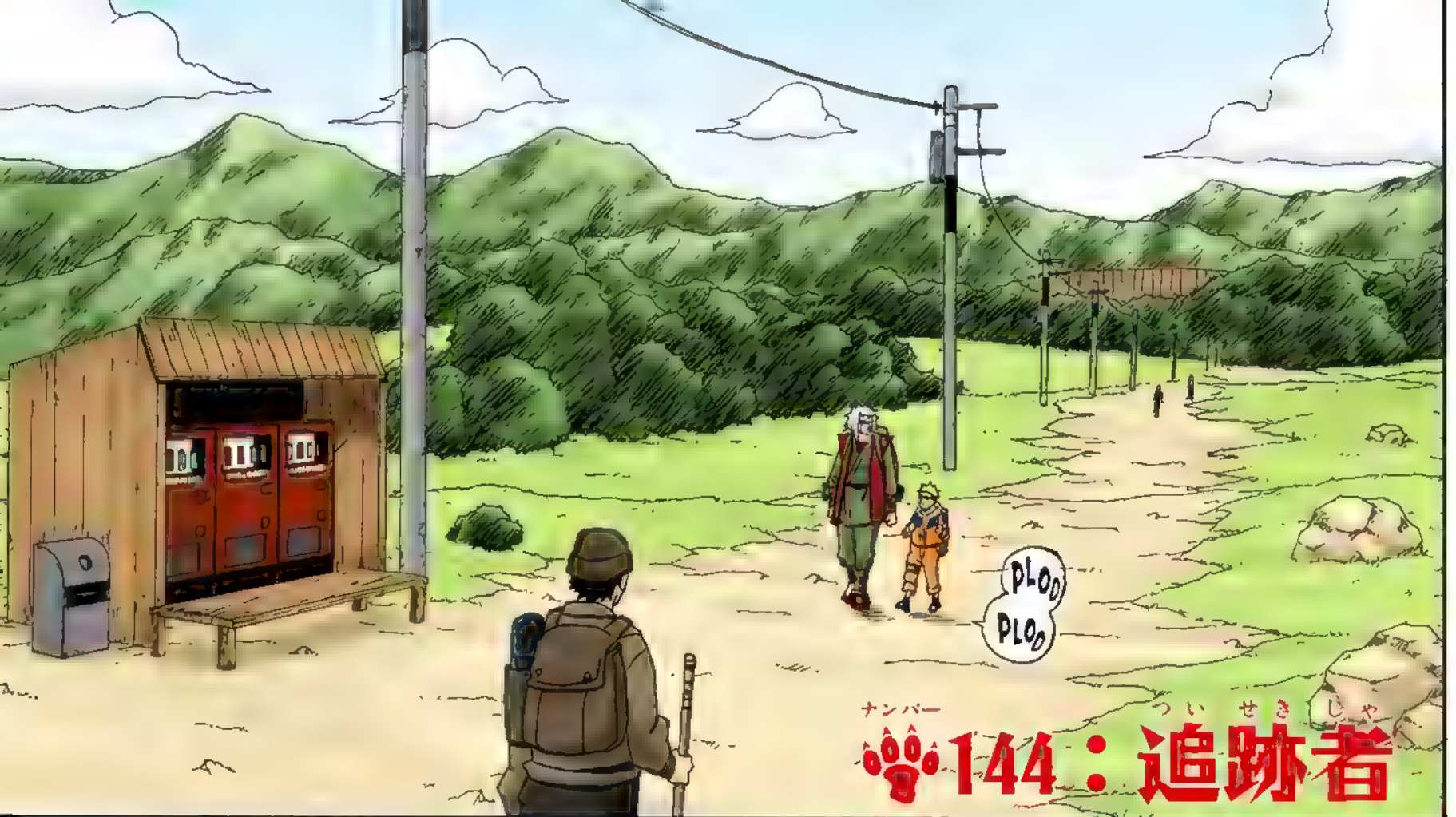


BESIDES,
THIS WOMAN,
SHE'S A REAL
LOOKER... I
KNOW YOU'LL
WANT TO
MEET HER!

WELL... UH... I
DON'T KNOW
HOW TO SAY
THIS NICELY,
BUT I DON'T
THINK THAT
YOU'RE CUT
OUT FOR THAT
MOVE...







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THE PURSUERS

HEY... YOU REALLY DON'T KNOW HOW DISTINGUISHED I AM, DO YOU...?

LISTEN UP...

?

..."PERVY SAGE" THIS, "PERVY SAGE" THAT...

SO WHAT KIND OF AMAZING JUTSU ARE YOU GOING TO TEACH ME THIS TIME?!

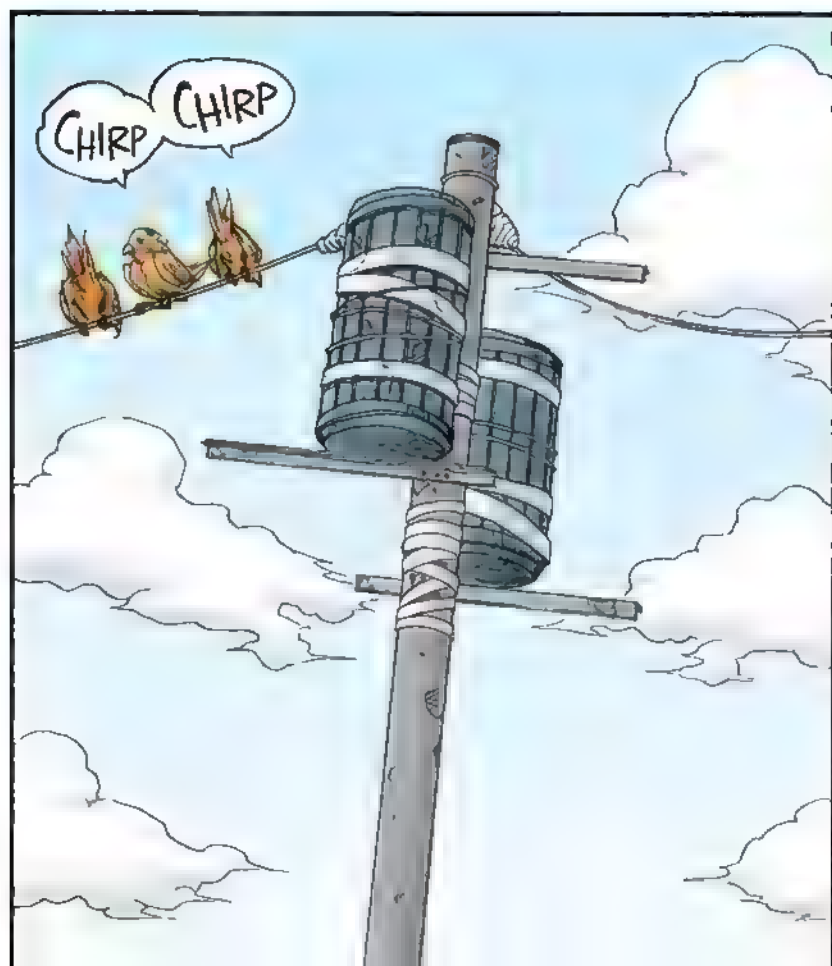
SO HEY! HEY! PERVY SAGE!

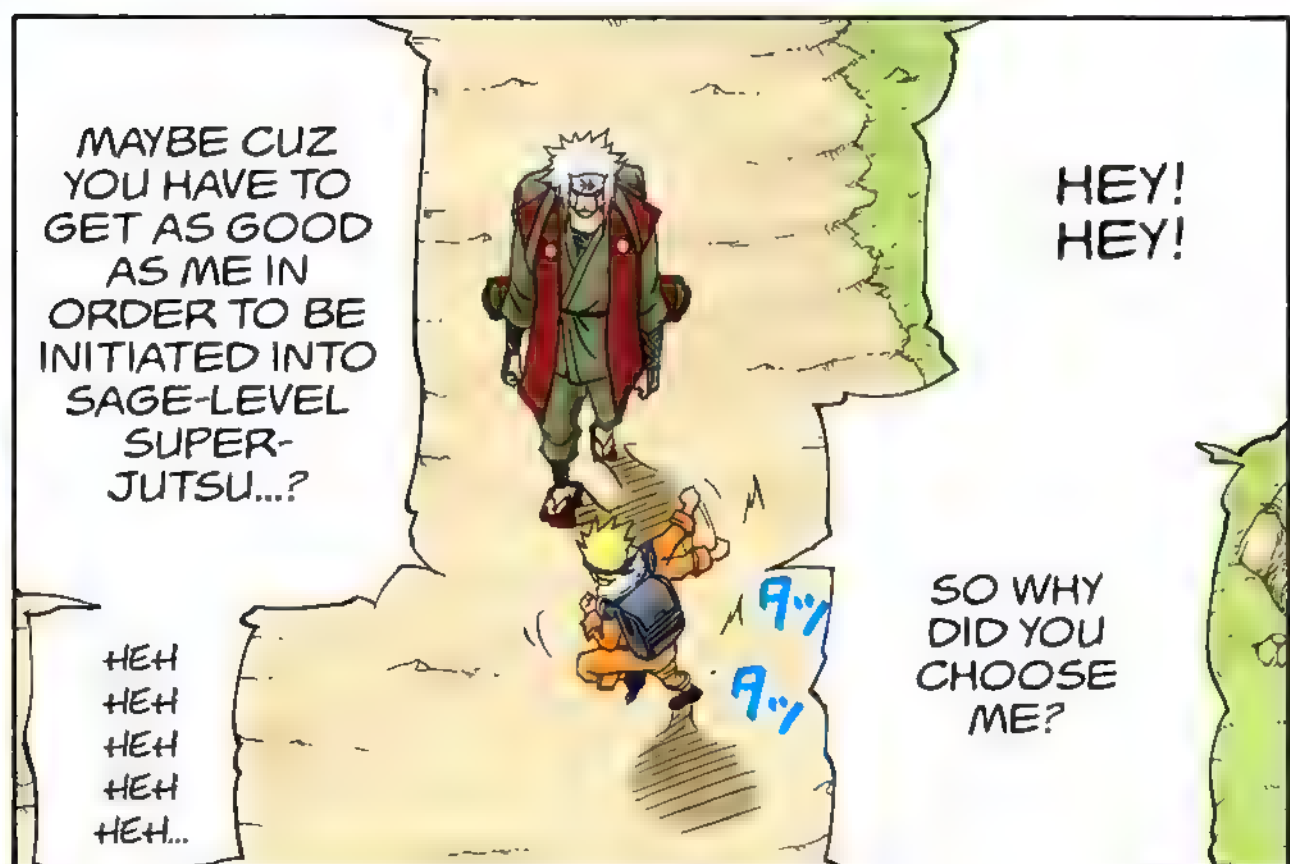
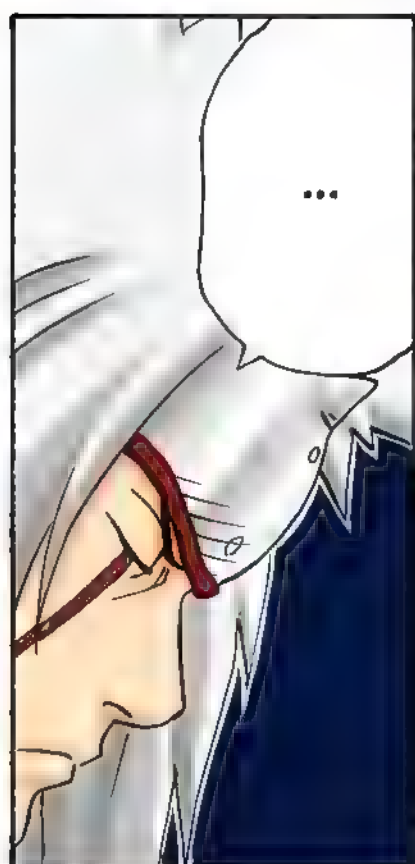
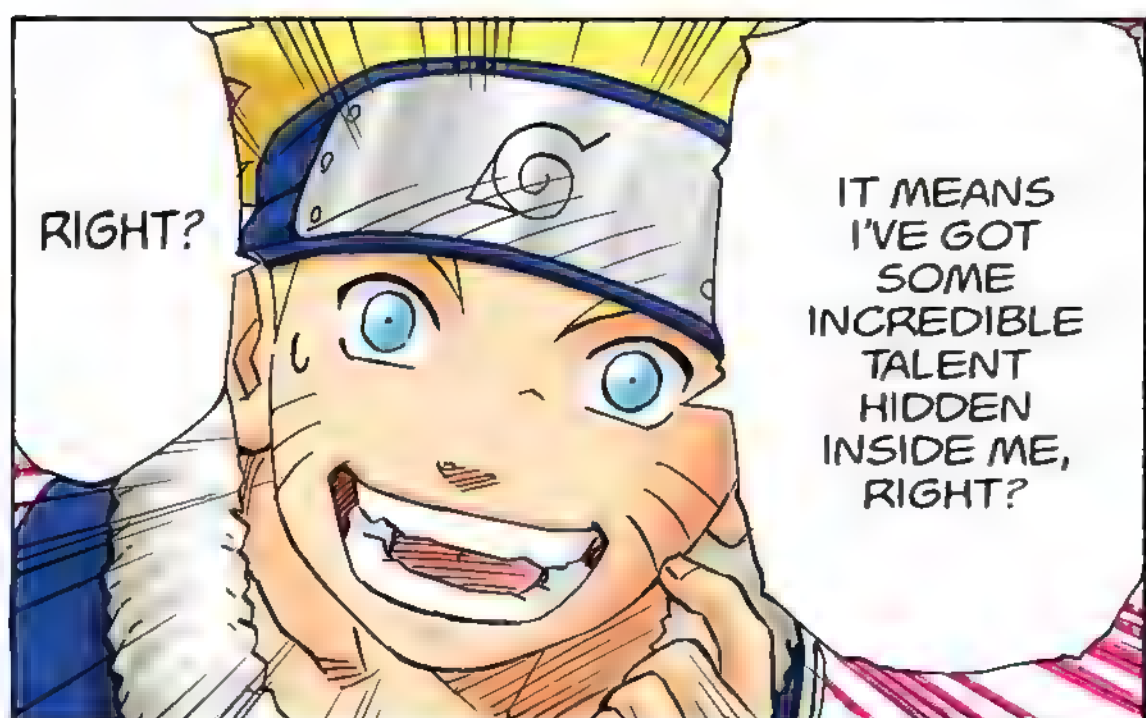
A LADIES' MAN THAT CAN HUSH EVEN A CRYING CHILD!

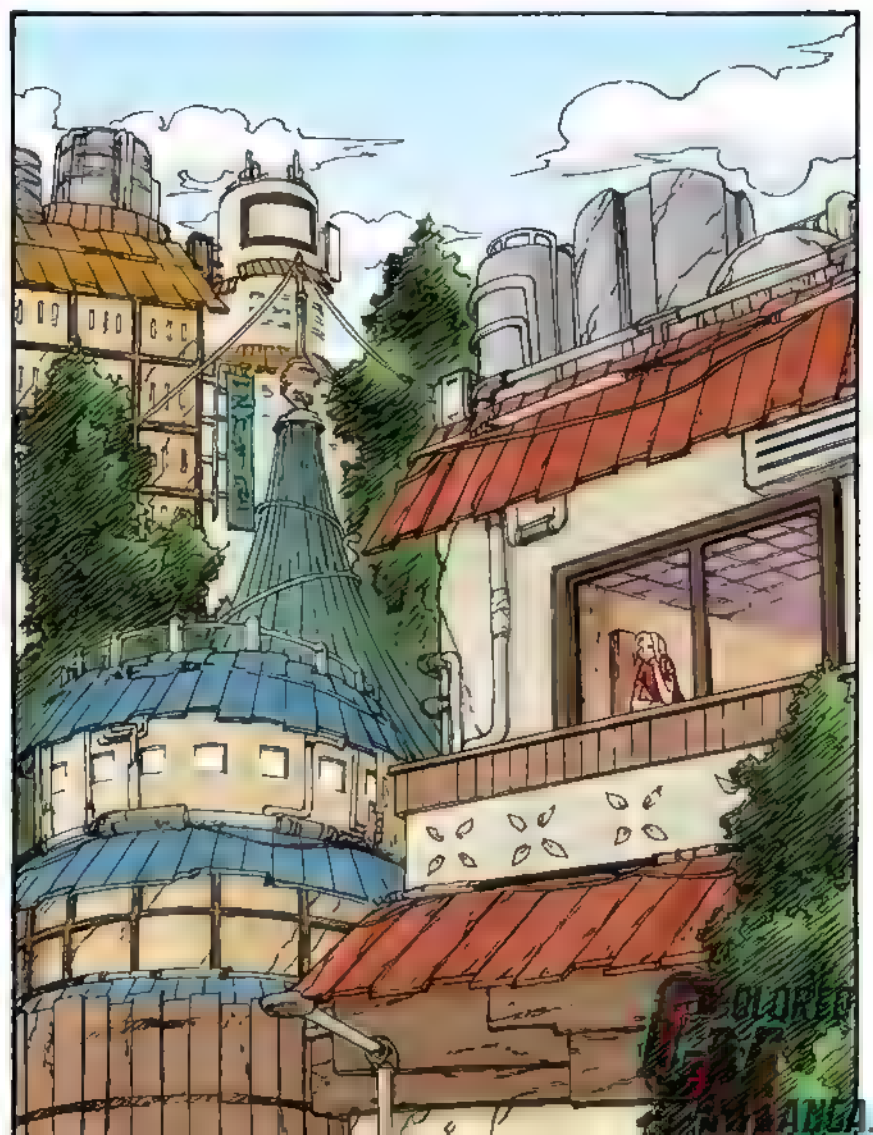
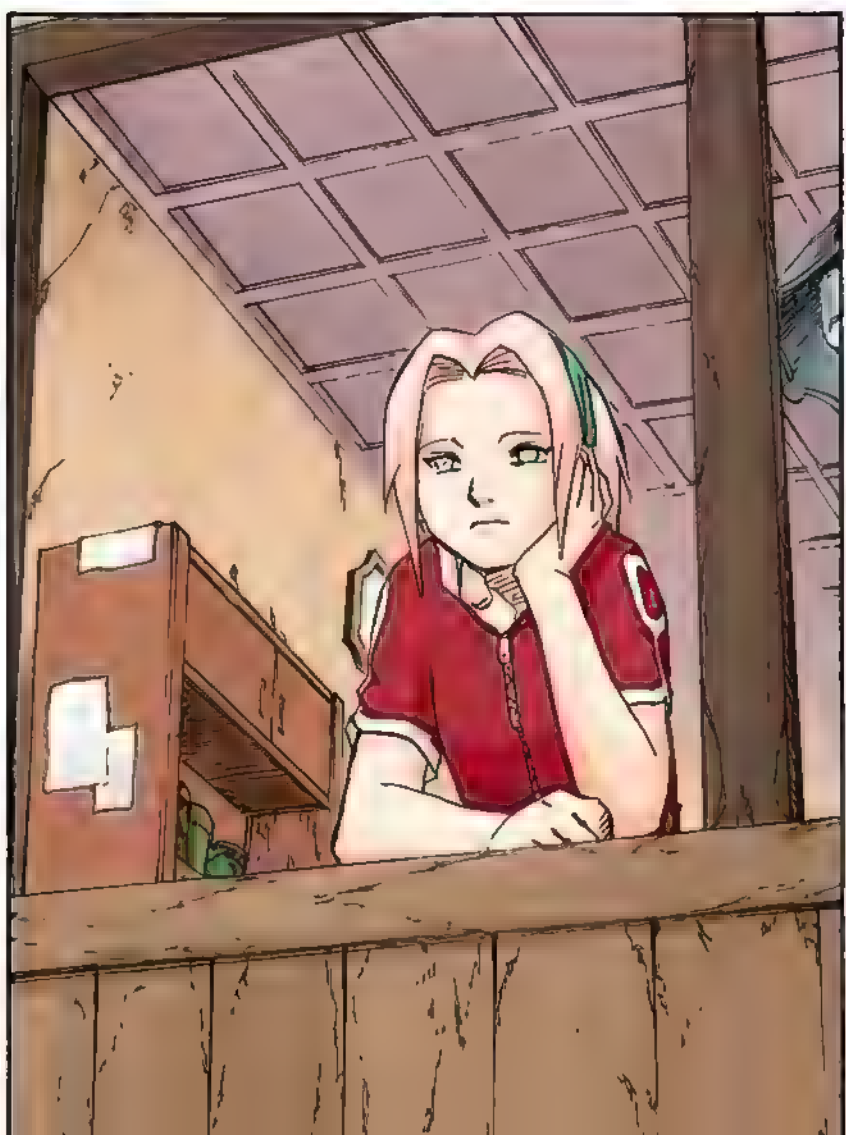
"LORD JIRAIYA," THAT'S ME!!

THE TOAD SAGE IS JUST AN ALIAS! BUT NO MORE DISGUISES!

NORTH, SOUTH, WEST, EAST! I AM THE TOAD MASTER, THE WHITE-HAIRED PRODIGAL SON, ONE OF THE THREE GREAT SHINOBI!









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HUH?



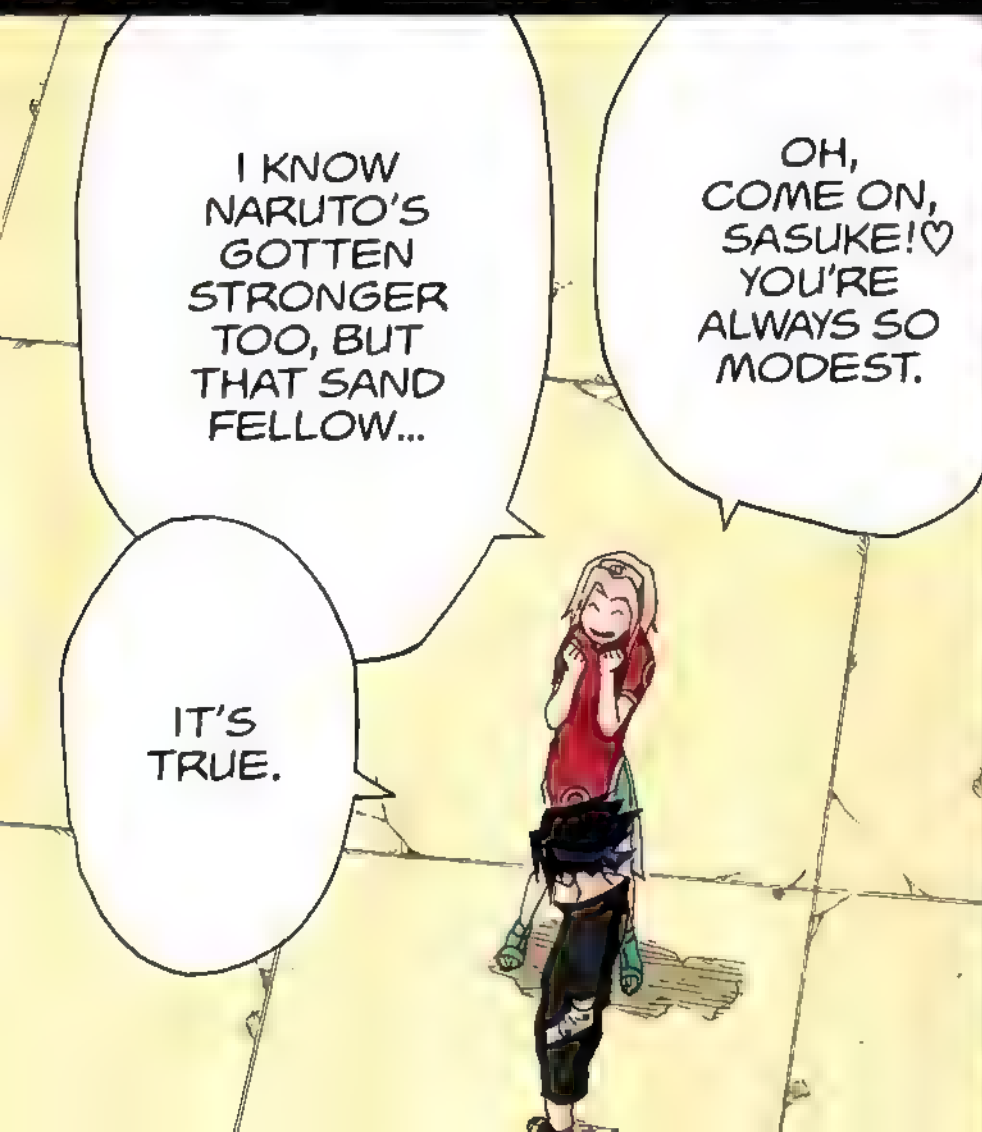
IT
WASN'T
ME...

...



...SASUKE...
THANKS.

...YOU SAVED
ME FROM
THE SAND
GAUNTLET.



I KNOW
NARUTO'S
GOTTEN
STRONGER
TOO, BUT
THAT SAND
FELLOW...

IT'S
TRUE.

OH,
COME ON,
SASUKE! ♡
YOU'RE
ALWAYS SO
MODEST.



NARUTO'S
THE ONE
WHO
RESCUED
YOU.

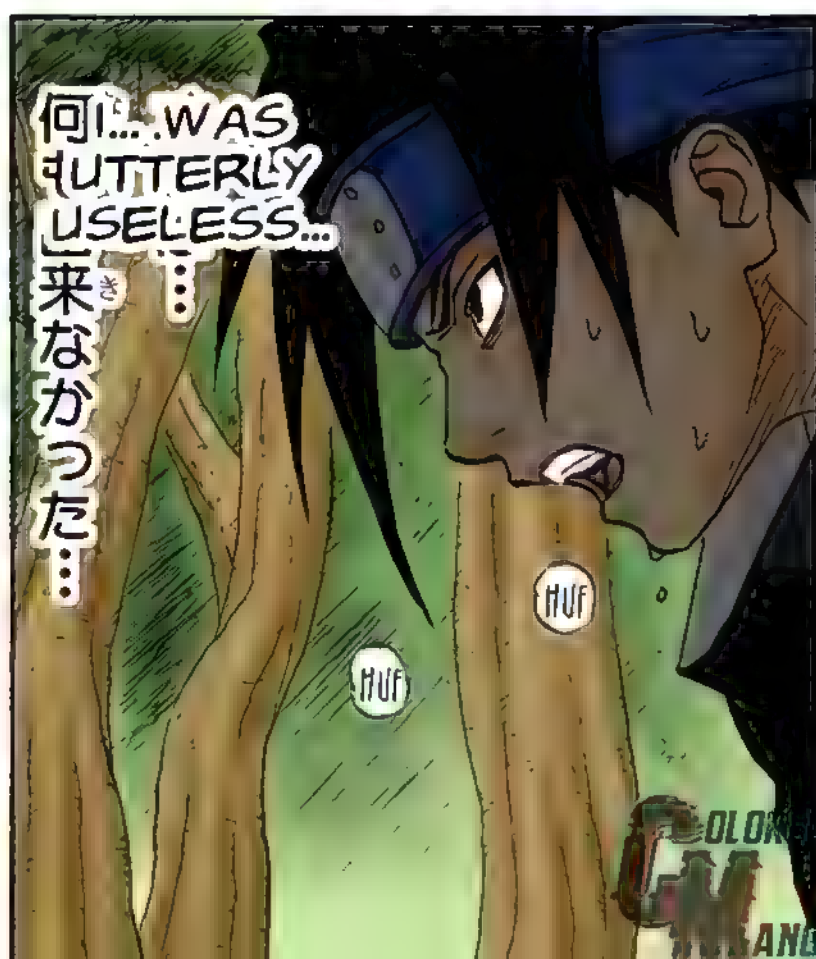
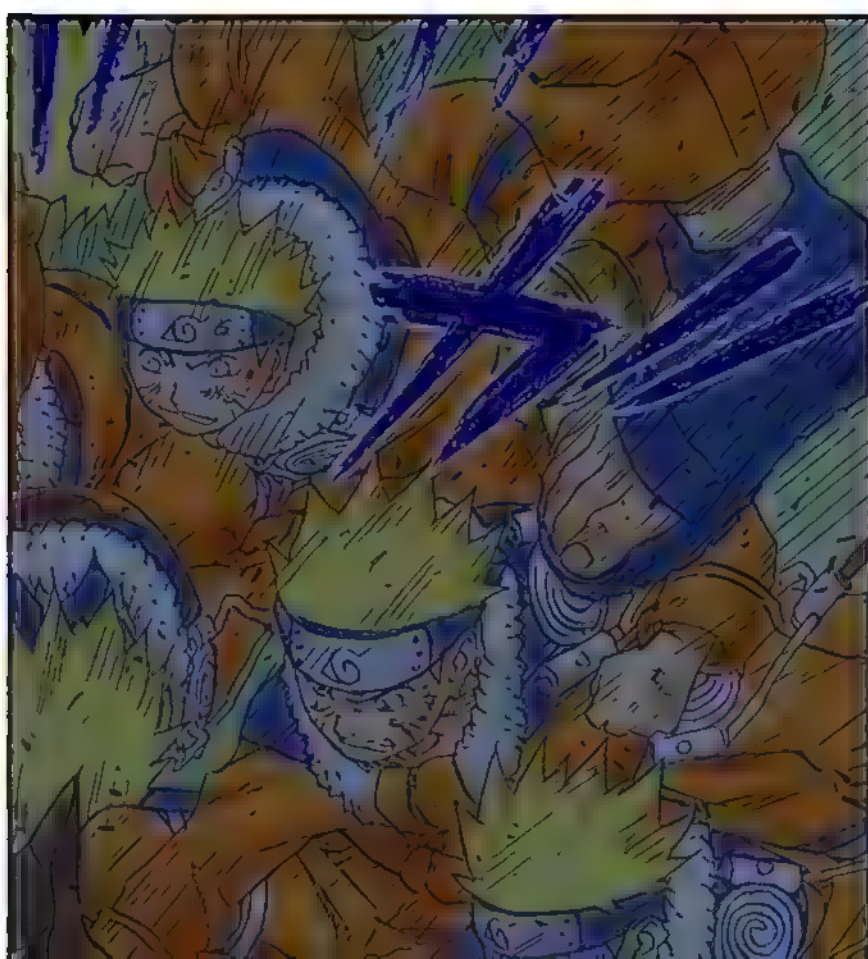
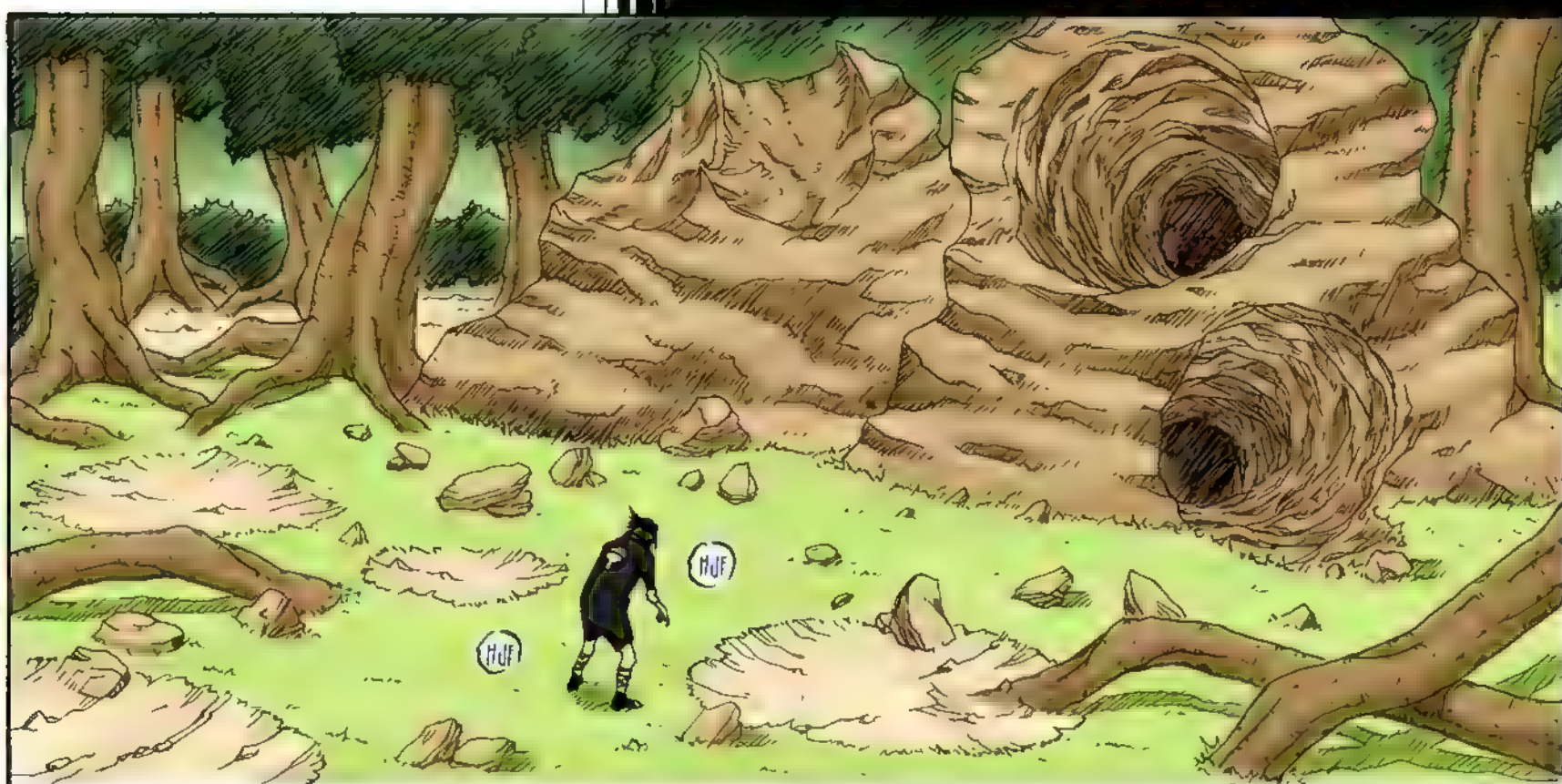
HAHA!

EVEN
SHOWING A
STRENGTH
THAT I'VE
NEVER SEEN
FROM HIM
BEFORE.

HE FOUGHT
DESPERATELY
IN ORDER TO
SAVE YOU.

...NARUTO,
HUH...
トが.....

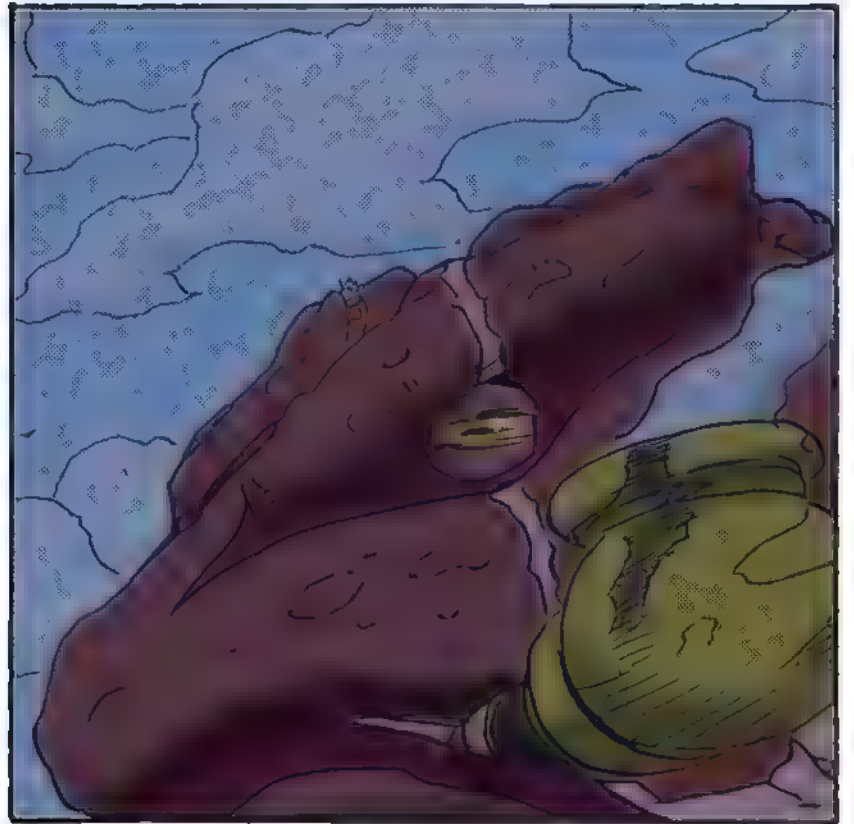
GRR...
C'MON
CHIDORI!
COME ON!
OUT!



COMPARED
TO OUR NINJA
ACADEMY
DAYS, WHEN HE
WAS CALLED A
FAILURE...
IT'S VIRTUALLY
UNBELIEVABLE
PROGRESS...

NARUTO KEEPS
GETTING
STRONGER
ALMOST
ABNORMALLY.

常なまでに
ぐんぐん
強くなる...



SOMETIMES...
I EVEN FEEL
AFRAID...

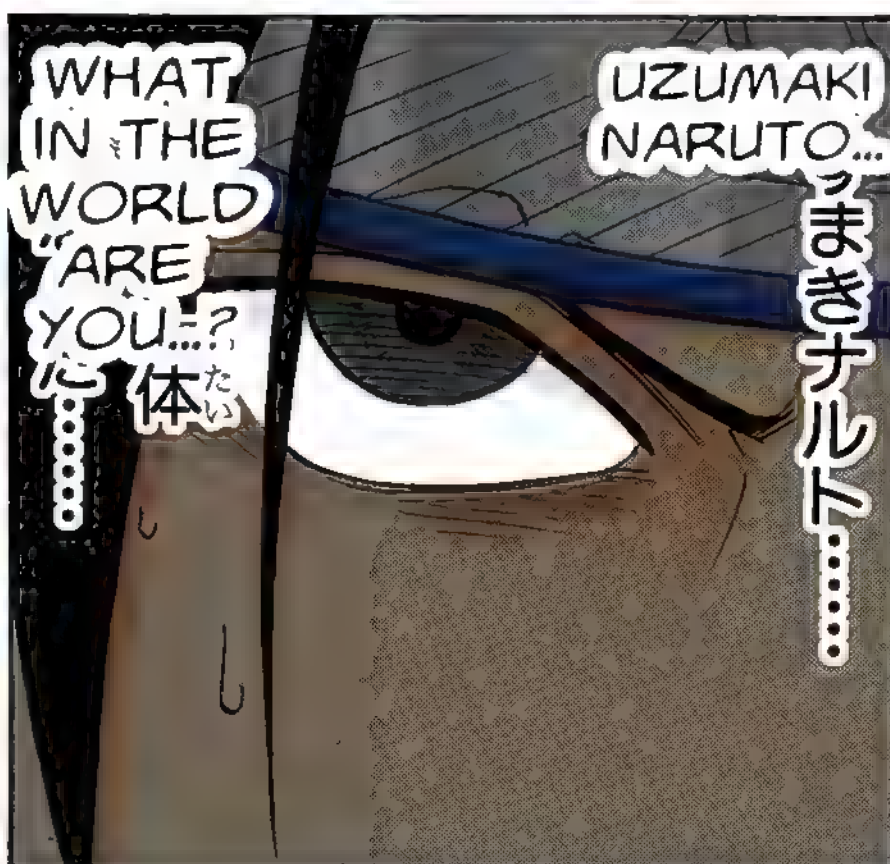


WHEN I WATCH
HIM UP CLOSE,
I CAN'T TELL...
HE'S... GOT
SOME MASSIVE
POWER HIDDEN
INSIDE HIM...



...!...
...HOW CAN
I GET
STRONGER...

はは...
どうしたら強くなれる...



WHAT
IN THE
WORLD
ARE
YOU...?
に 体

UZUMAKI
NARUTO...

うずまきナルト...



HUF



...AND EVEN IF I HAD MORE BACKUP, IT PROBABLY WOULDN'T CHANGE THE OUT-COME.

YEAH... IF WE FACED OFF, WE MIGHT END UP KILLING EACH OTHER.

AT THE VERY LEAST, WE'D HURT EACH OTHER BADLY.

HE'S IN A DIFFERENT LEAGUE.

EVEN IF YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO TAKE HIM ON, I'M NOT SO SURE ABOUT ME...

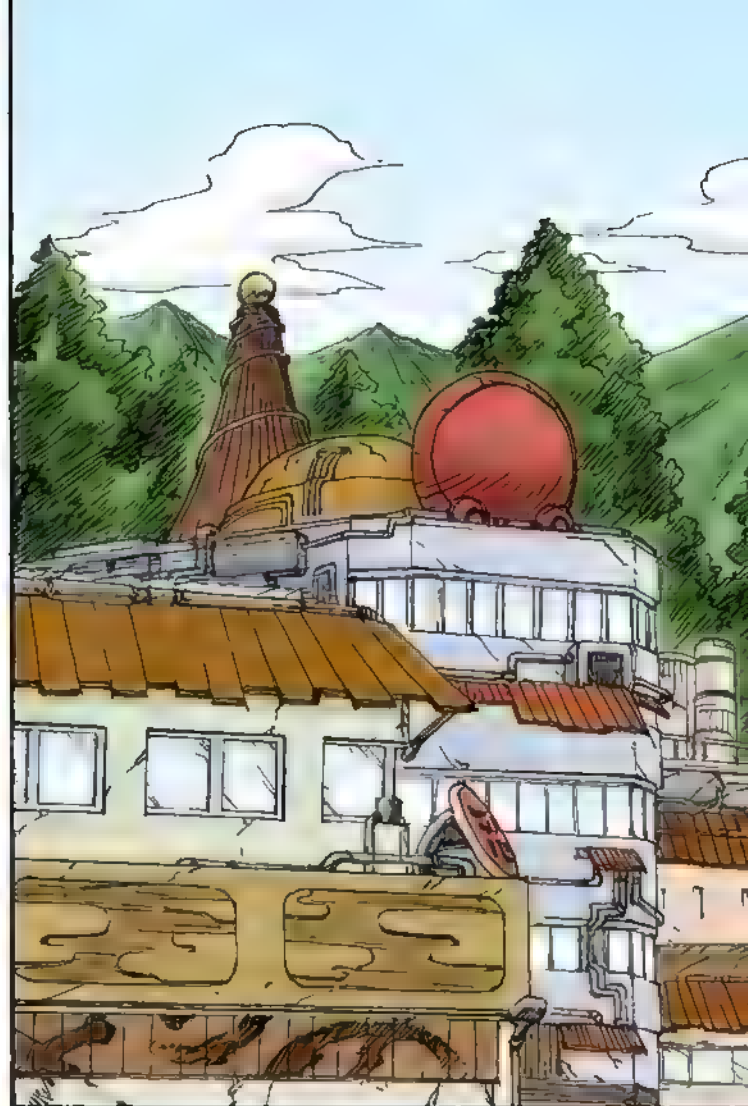
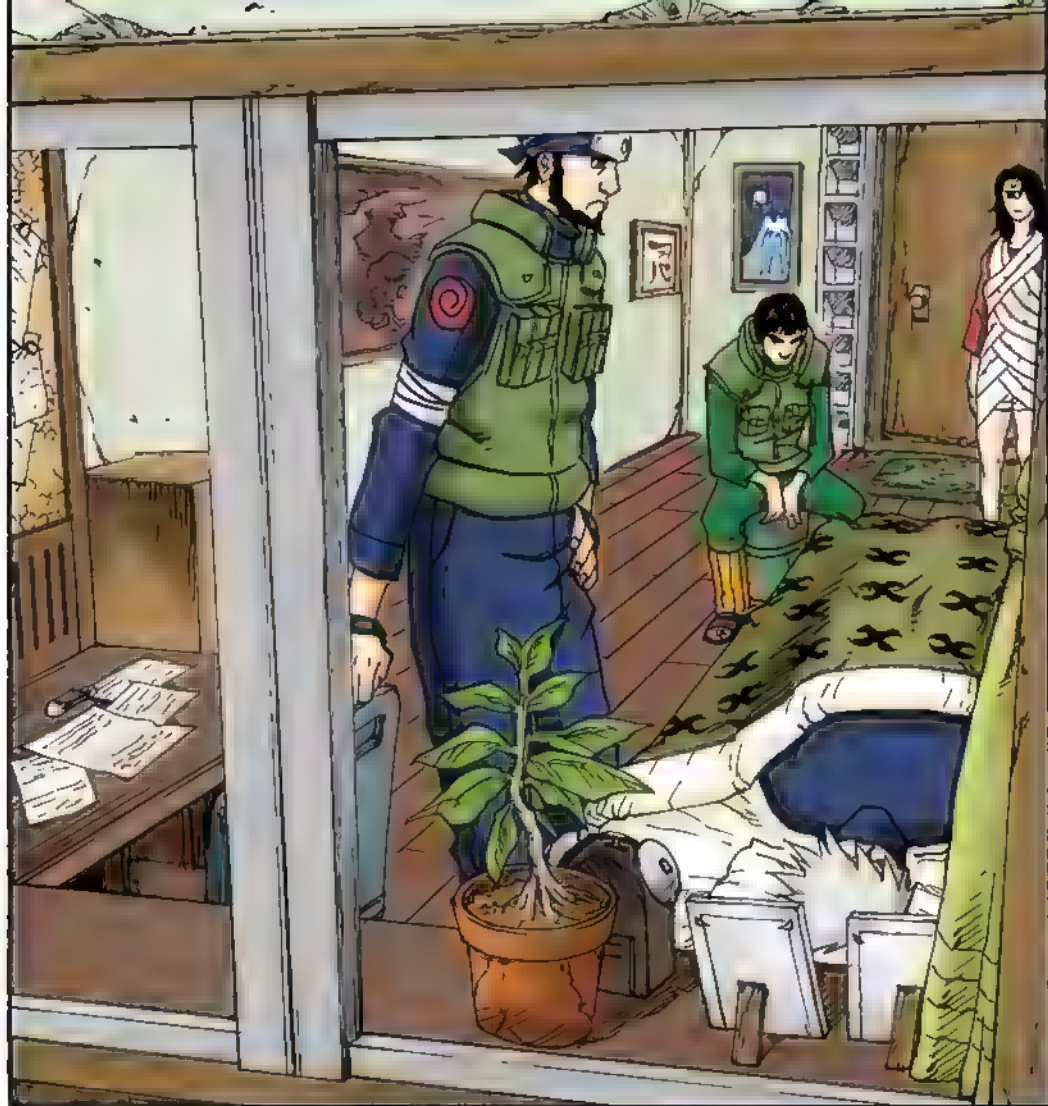
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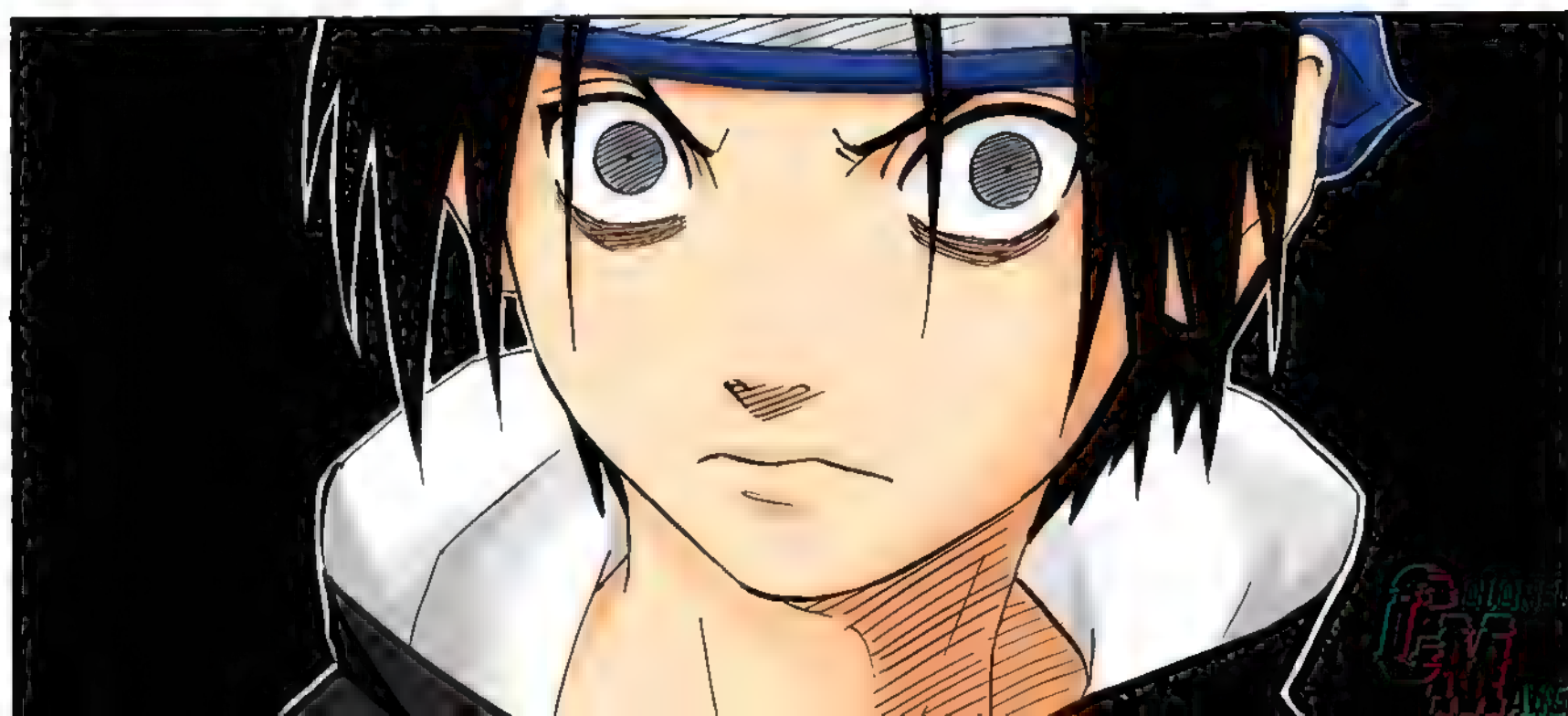
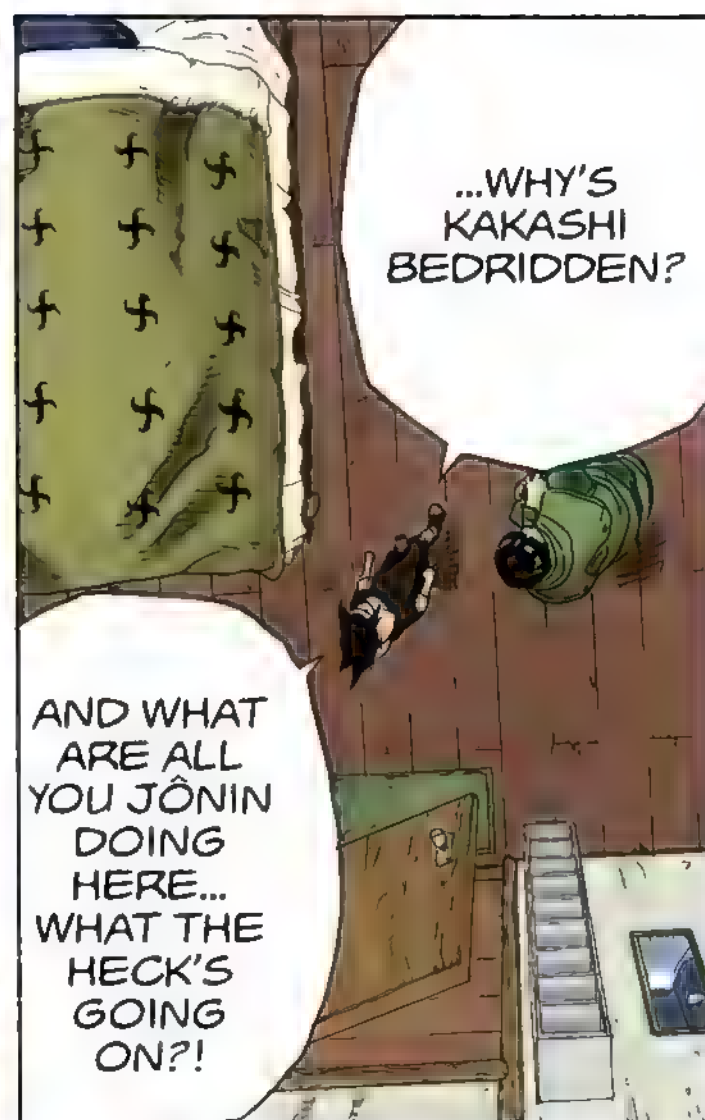
YEAH... HOWEVER ...

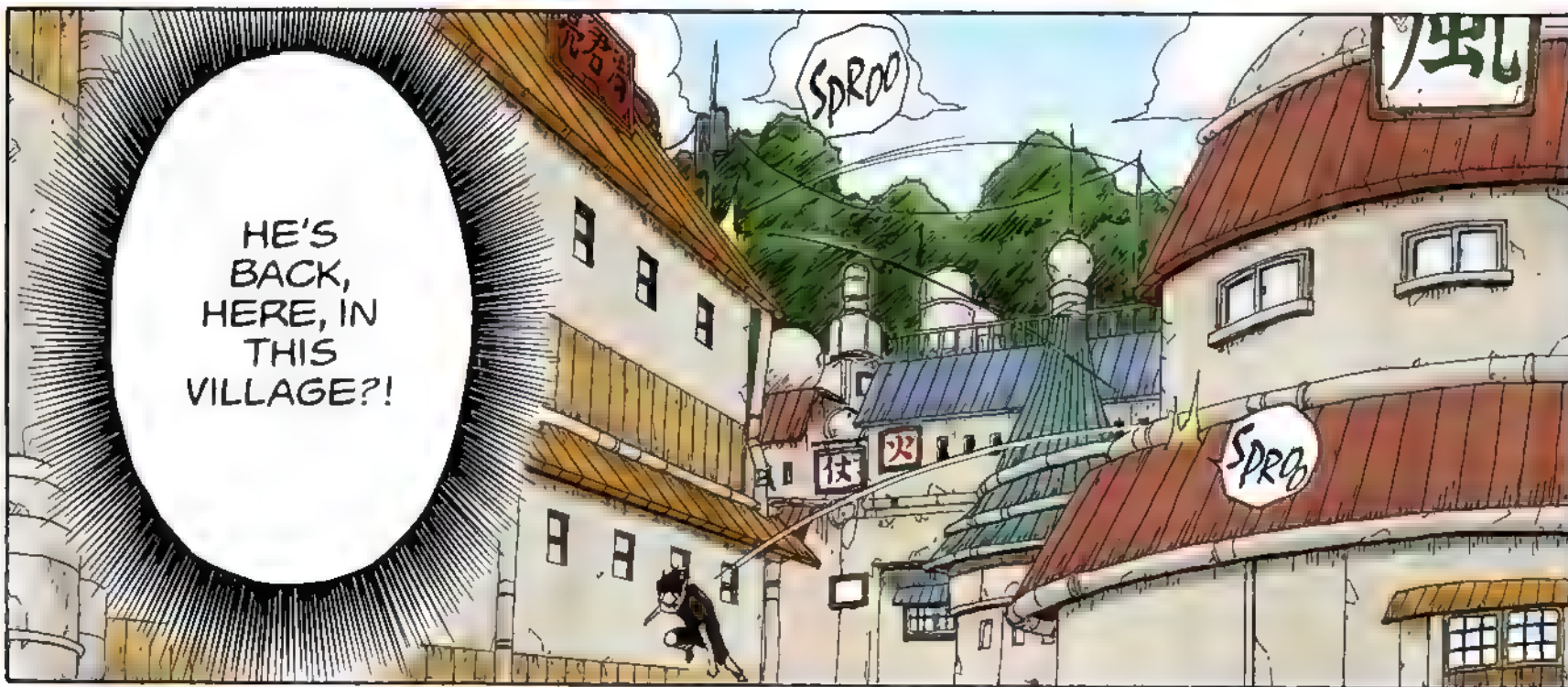
EVEN THE STRONGEST HEROES HAVE THEIR WEAK-NESSSES...

WITH HIM AS OUR ENEMY, EVEN THE TITLES KONOHA'S UCHIHA CLAN AND SEVEN NINJA SWORDSMEN OF THE MIST PALE IN COMPARISON.

IT WAS GREAT FINALLY FINDING HIM AT THE RAMEN SHOP, BUT... HIS BABYSITTER WAS ONE OF THE THREE GREAT SHINOBI OF KONOHA LEGEND.









HEY, MISTER!
I KNOW
NARUTO WAS
HERE FOR
LUNCH!
DO YOU
HAVE ANY
IDEA WHERE
HE WENT
AFTER-
WARDS?!

I WON'T
LET THAT
HAPPEN!

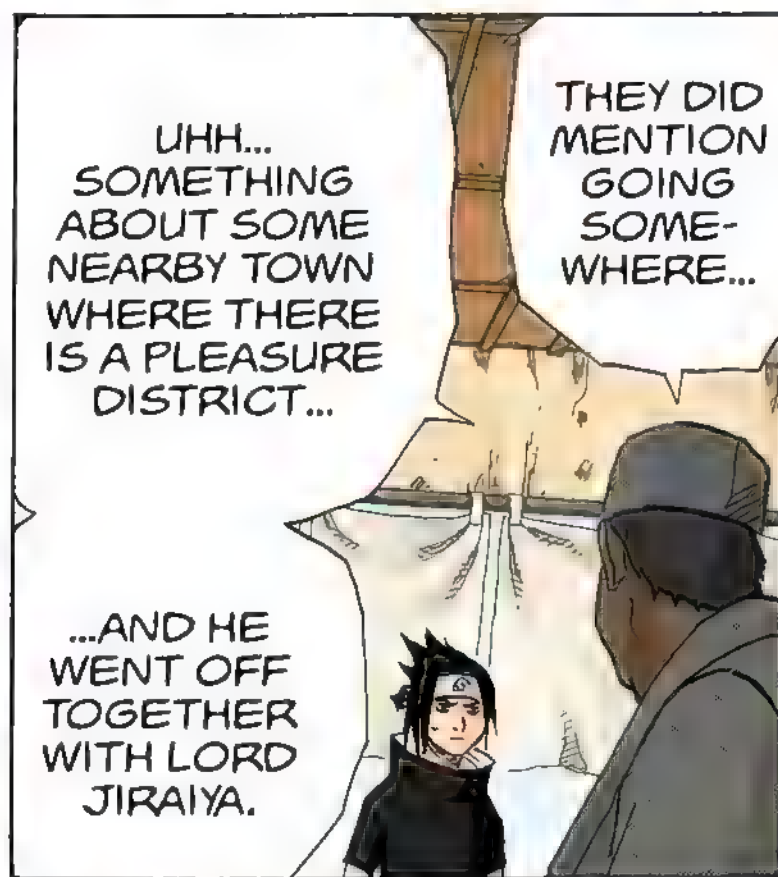


IN ANY
CASE...
IF HE
GETS
AHOLD OF
HIM...
NARUTO'S
FINISHED!!

に捕まれば
サッ
りだ!!



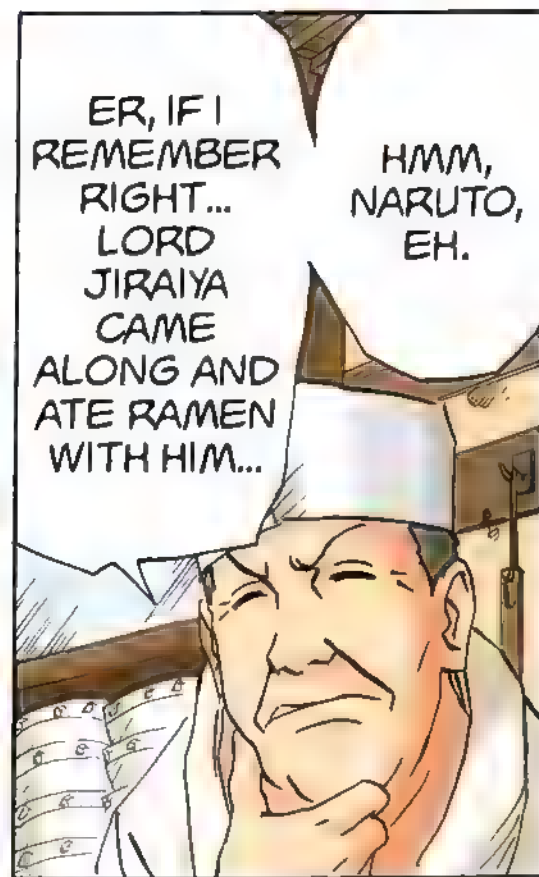
JIRAIYA?!



UHH...
SOMETHING
ABOUT SOME
NEARBY TOWN
WHERE THERE
IS A PLEASURE
DISTRICT...

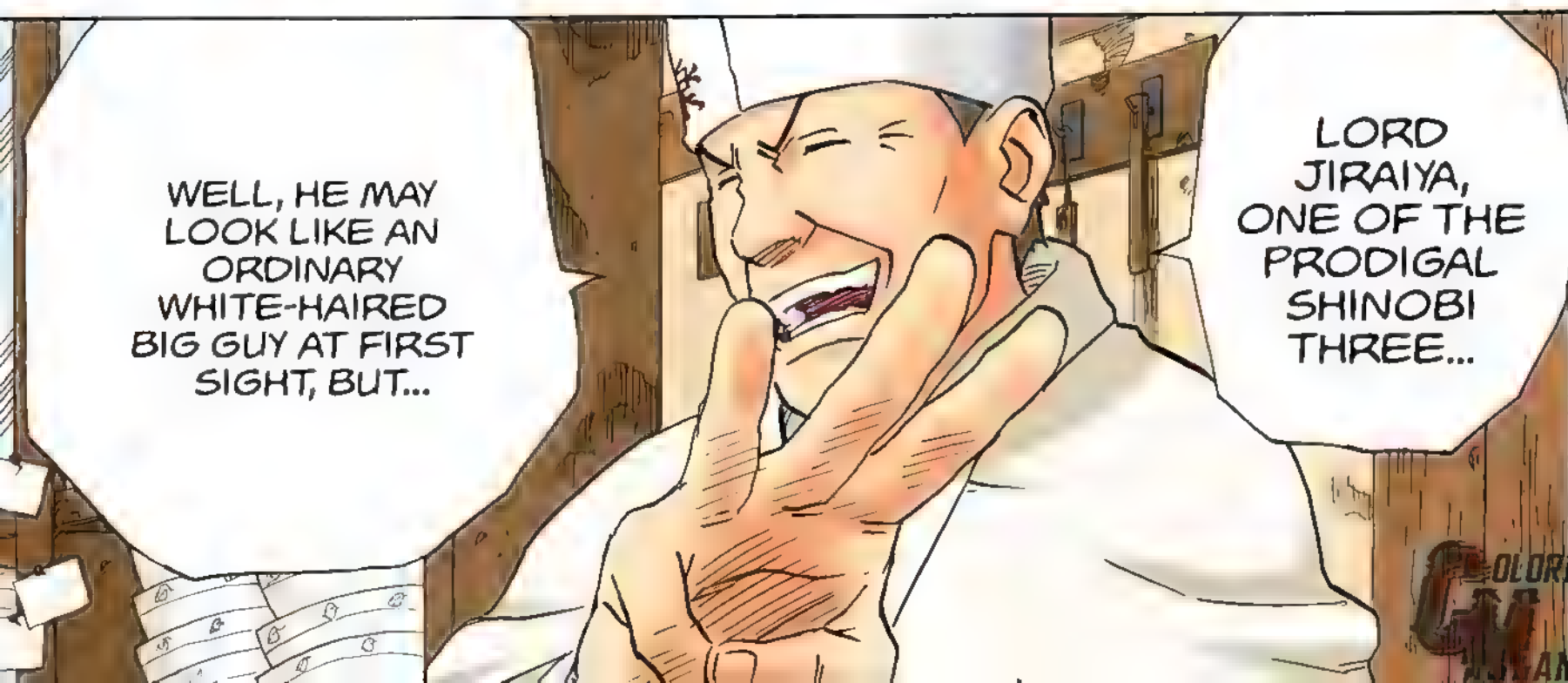
THEY DID
MENTION
GOING
SOME-
WHERE...

...AND HE
WENT OFF
TOGETHER
WITH LORD
JIRAIYA.



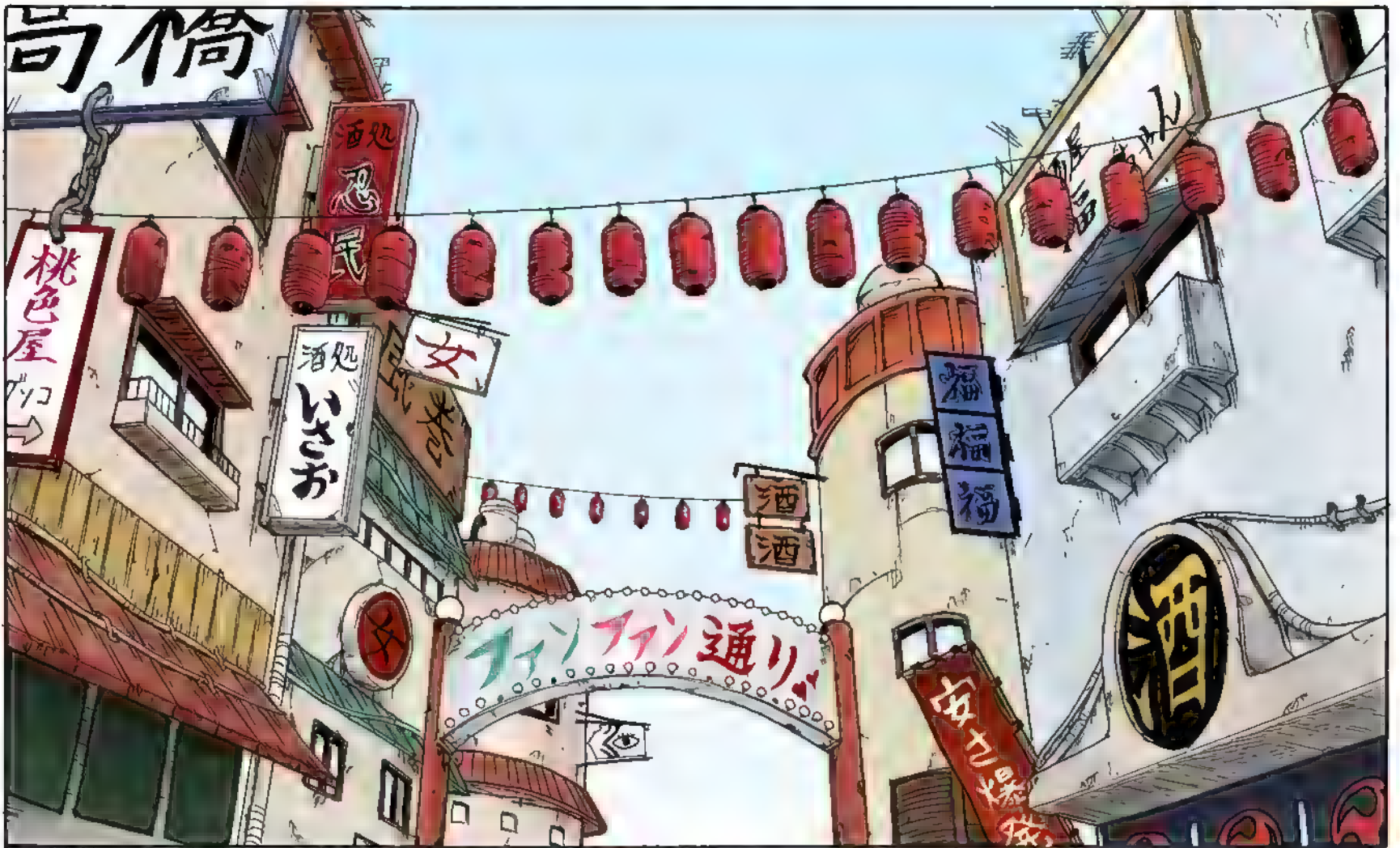
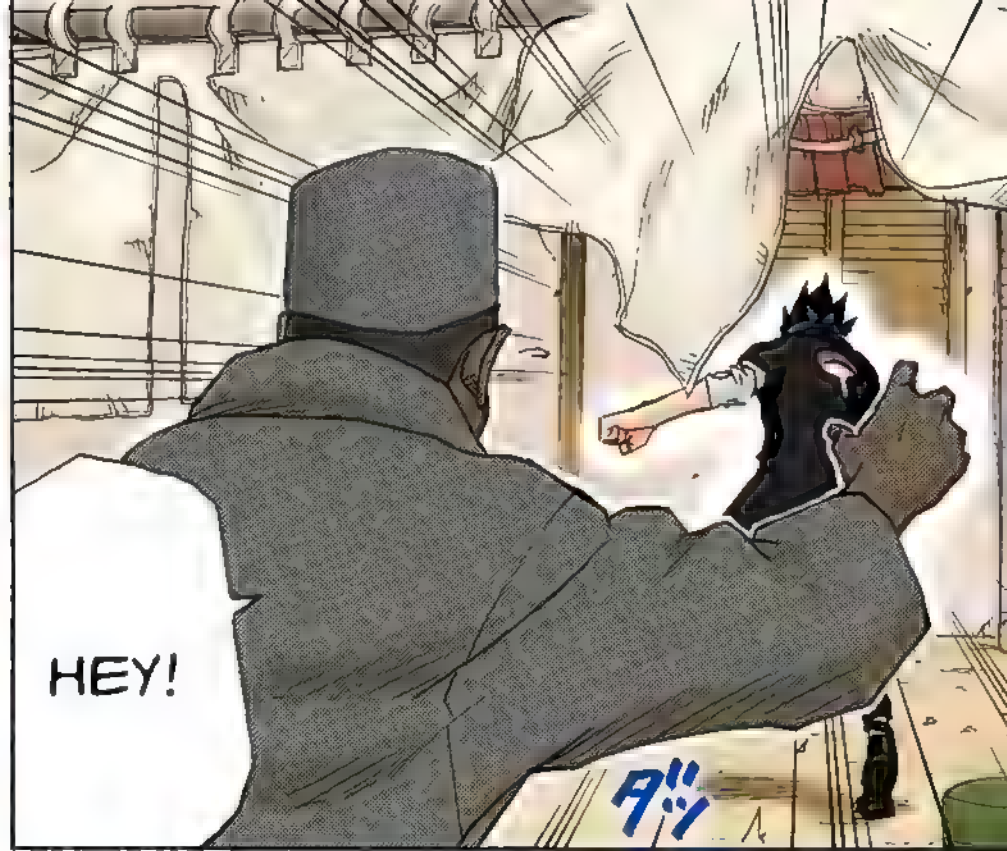
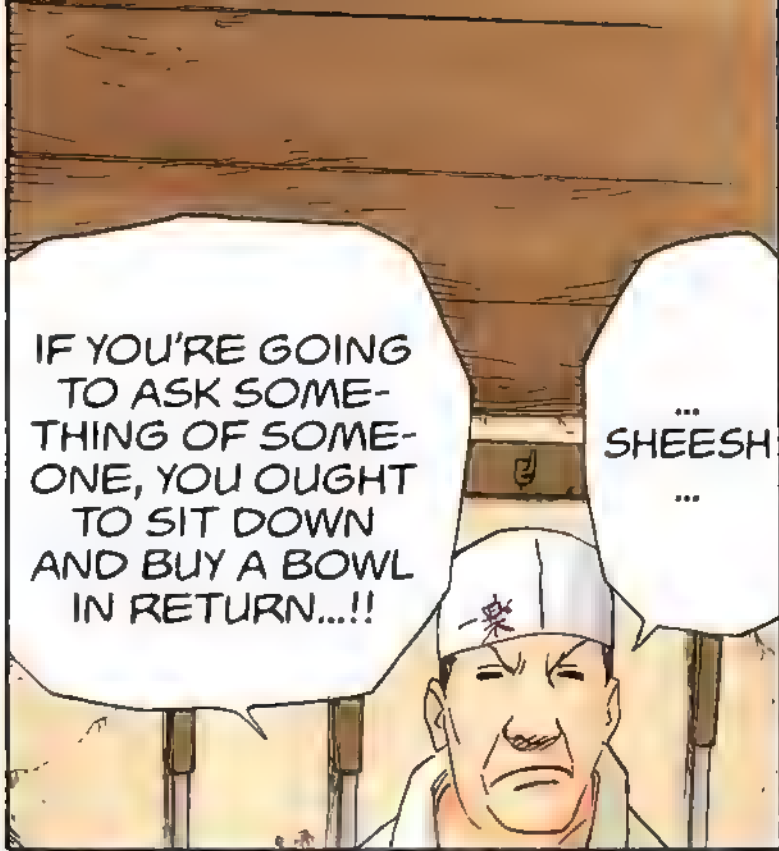
ER, IF I
REMEMBER
RIGHT...
LORD
JIRAIYA
CAME
ALONG AND
ATE RAMEN
WITH HIM...

HMM,
NARUTO,
EH.

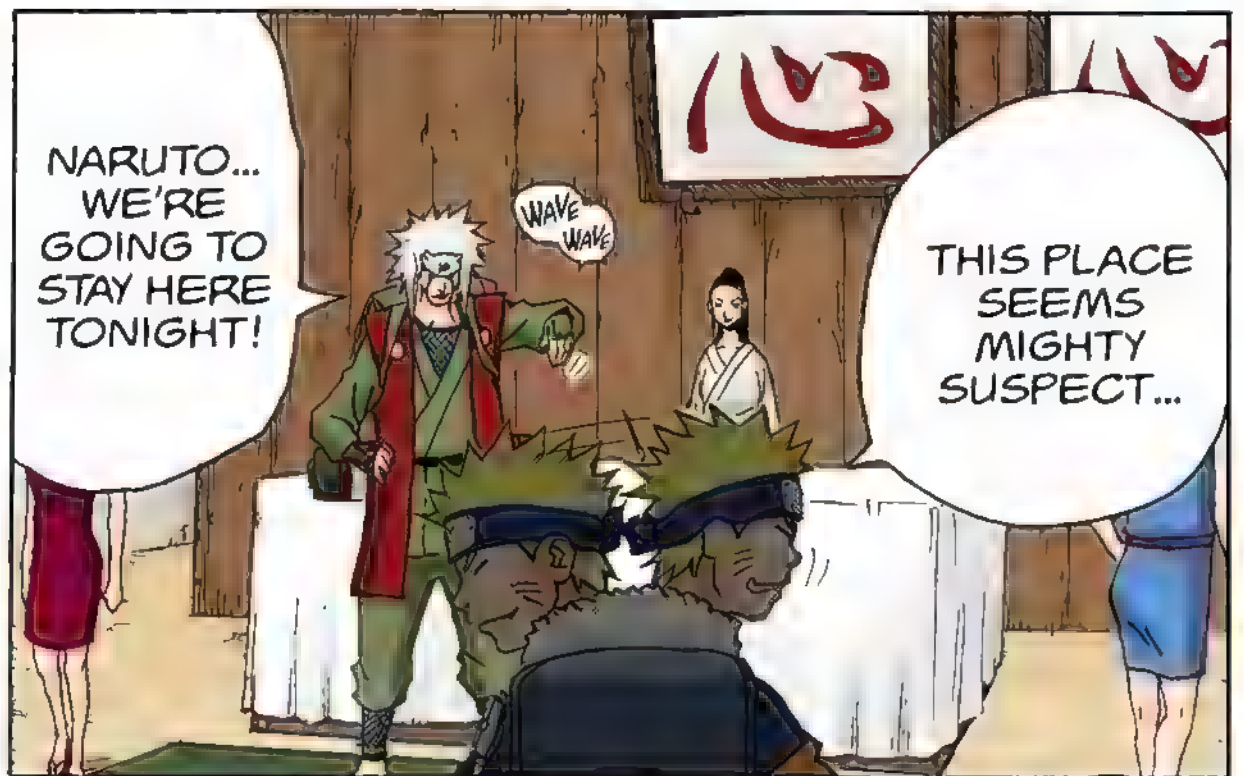


WELL, HE MAY
LOOK LIKE AN
ORDINARY
WHITE-HAIRED
BIG GUY AT FIRST
SIGHT, BUT...

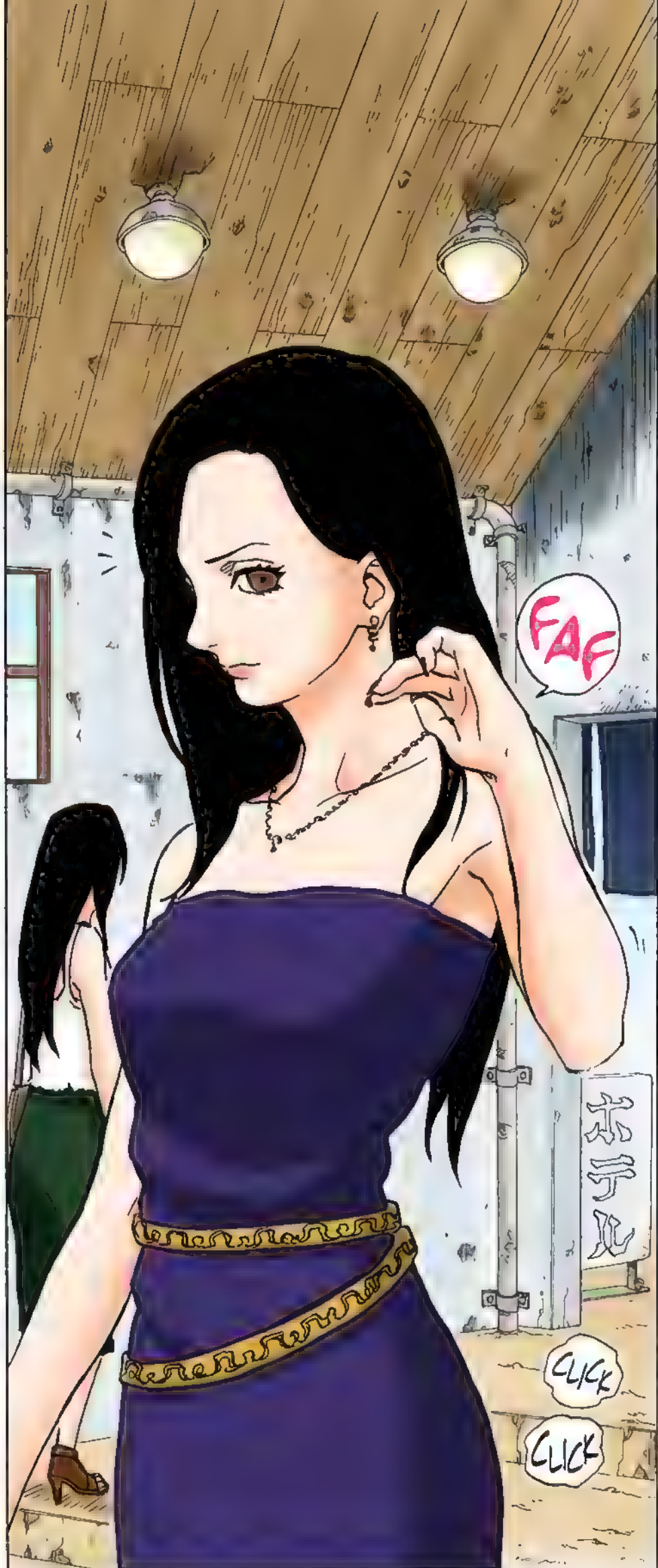
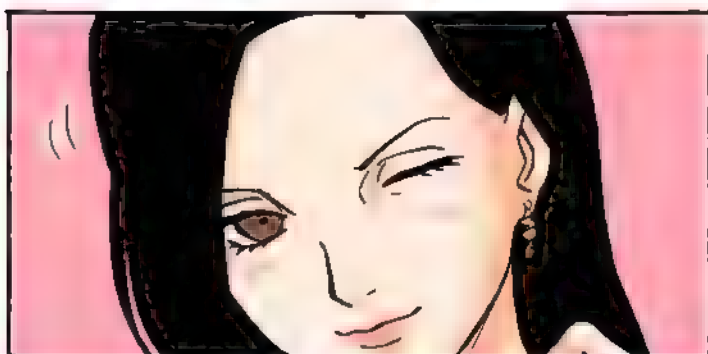
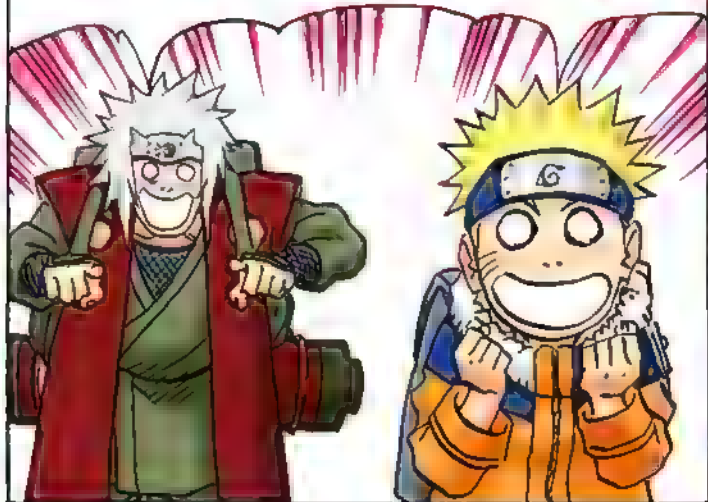
LORD
JIRAIYA,
ONE OF THE
PRODIGAL
SHINOBI
THREE...

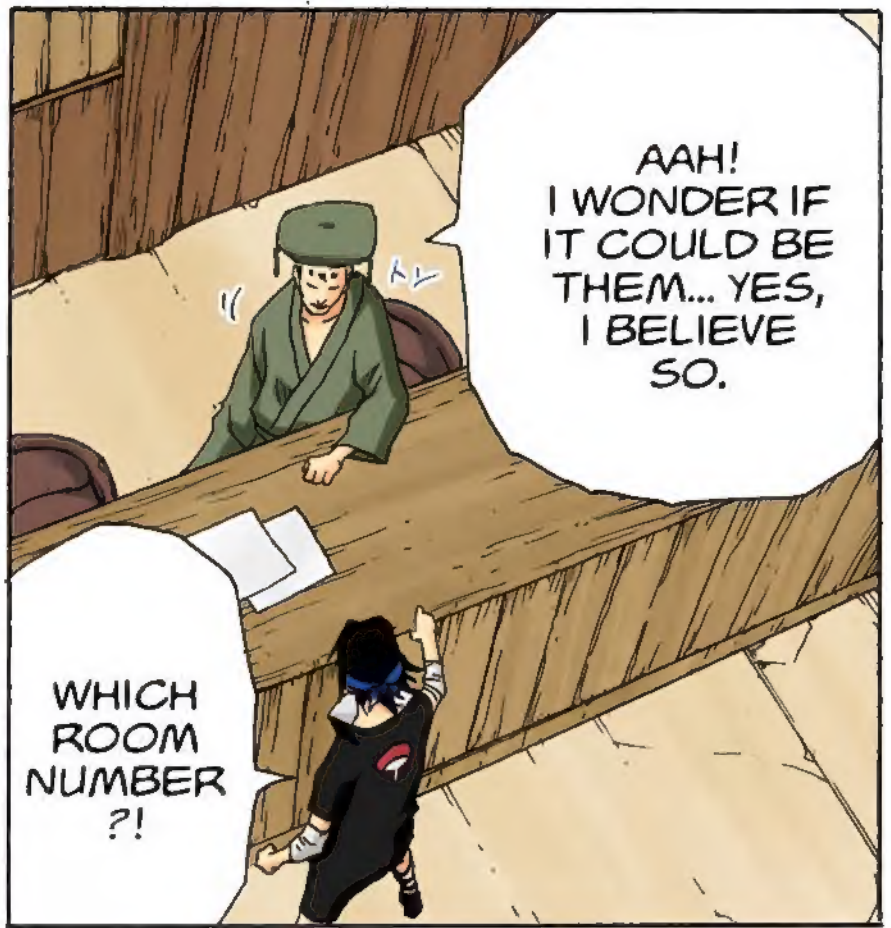


(Street Sign: Fun Fun Avenue)



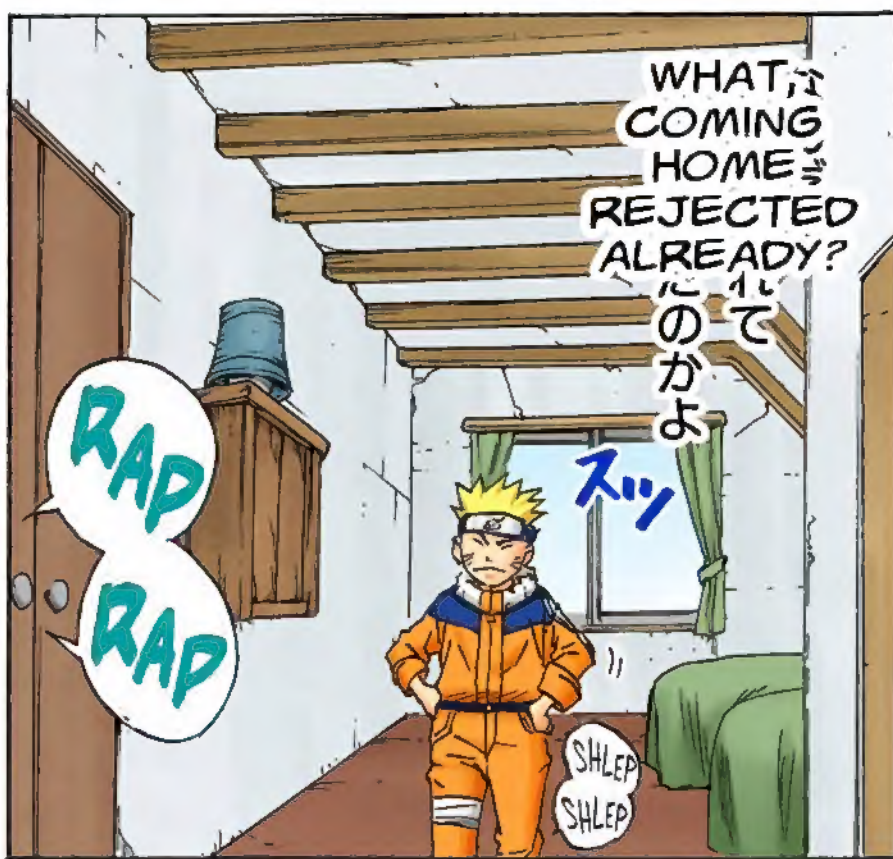
WHOA!!





WHICH ROOM NUMBER ?!

AAH! I WONDER IF IT COULD BE THEM... YES, I BELIEVE SO.



WHAT IS COMING HOME REJECTED ALREADY?

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SHLEP SHLEP

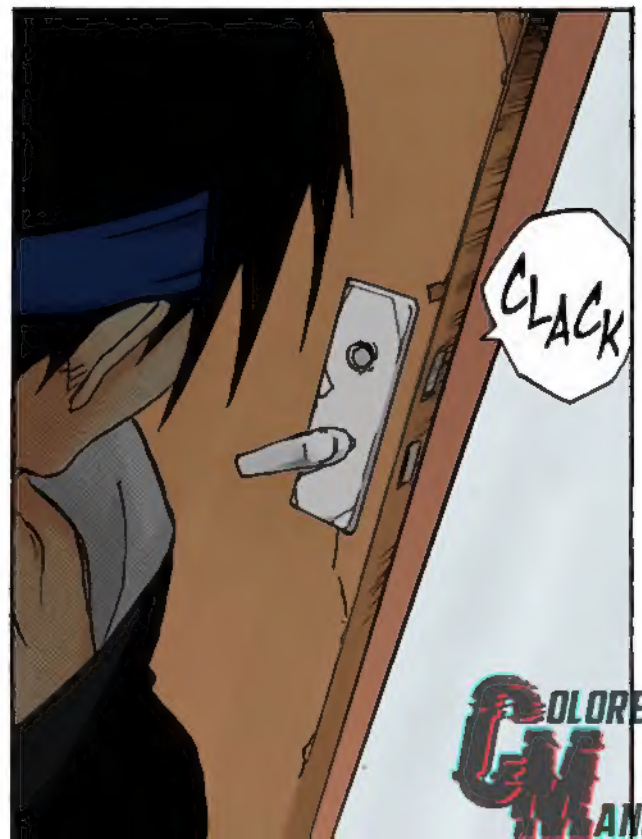


RAP RAP



NARUTO!

PAK



CLACK



